

# FISHING GUIDE

2013-14

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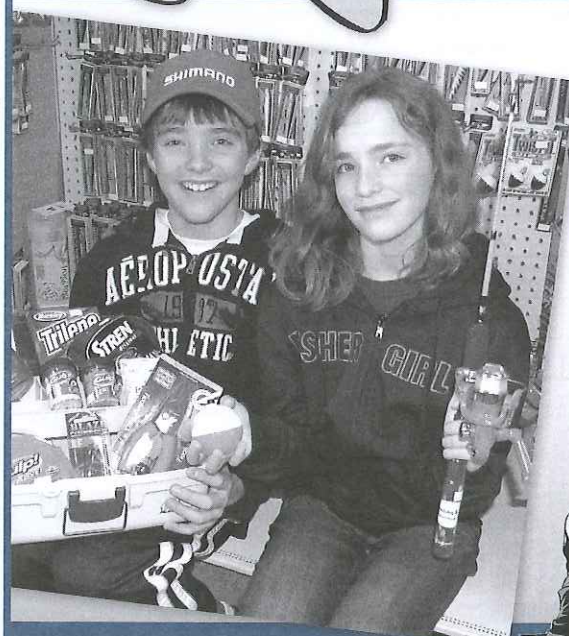
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## NEW FOR 2013-14

The following new regulations are valid Jan. 1, 2013, through Dec. 31, 2014:

- Trout species – The Sutherland Supply (Keystone) Canal below Lake Ogallala is exempted from the statewide restriction that limits the daily bag to one trout over 16 inches.
- Black bass – In order to standardize on a statewide basis, the daily bag limit and possession limit was changed to five and 10, respectively. The Archway Lakes, Arnold Lake, Central City Lake, Crystal Lake, Lake Helen and Victoria Springs Lake were added to the list of lakes with a 21-inch minimum length limit.
- Striped bass, white bass and striped bass hybrids – The one-over restriction was lowered from 18 inches to 16 inches to provide more protection to the hybrids.
- Channel catfish – The daily bag limit for channel catfish was increased to 10 on rivers, streams and canals but the daily bag limit of five was retained on reservoirs, lakes, ponds and pits. The possession limit on channel catfish was increased from 10 to 20.
- Walleye, sauger and saugeye – Elwood reservoir was added to the list of reservoirs managed with the regulation that allows the daily bag limit to include one fish 15 inches through 18 inches and three over 18 inches or four over 18 inches, with no more than one fish 22 inches or greater in length.
- Northern pike – No harvest of northern pike will be allowed on Glenn Cunningham Lake and Lake Wanahoo.
- Snapping turtles – The daily bag limit and possession limit was reduced to five and 10, respectively, but the use of live turtle traps are now allowed on private waters.
- Paddlefish – The application period for both archery and snagging was reduced to two weeks (April 1 to April 14 and July 1 to July 14). Anglers harvesting a paddlefish are now allowed to process the fish down to two whole fillets after completion of a trip and upon leaving the Missouri River, with both the closed paddlefish tag and paddlefish permit remaining with the fillets.
- Underwater spearfishing – The game fish season will be allowed to start a month early (June 1) on privately-owned lakes with the permission of the lake owner.
- Bait fish regulations – The possession or use of live baitfish is not allowed on Arnold Lake, Iron Horse Trail Lake, North Platte I-80 Lake and Victoria Springs Lake. It is unlawful for any individual or bait dealer to transport away from the river any baitfish collected on the Missouri River downstream below Gavins Point Dam and other rivers and streams located east of U. S. Highway 81 from the South Dakota border to York, north of Interstate 80 from York to Lincoln, and east of U. S. Highway 77 from Lincoln to the Kansas border.
- Aquatic Invasive Species regulations – Any conveyance (boats) that has been on a waterbody must drain all water from their compartments, equipment or containers before leaving the launch area. All aquatic vegetation from that waterbody must be removed before leaving the launch area. Felt sole boots or waders are not allowed to be used on Nebraska waters.

## PERMIT FEES 2013-2014

**Fees** – Issuing fees may apply to all fishing and park permits listed below EXCEPT veteran fish/hunt, senior fish/hunt, disabled, and deployed military permits.

**Stamps** – Aquatic Habitat Stamp included in price of all fishing permits listed below EXCEPT the following that do not require one: paddlefish, veteran fish/hunt, senior fish/hunt, and disabled permits.

RESIDENT FISH			
Fish, annual	\$27.50	Fish/Hunt, 3-year	\$106 <sup>1</sup>
Fish/Hunt, annual	\$39	Fish/Hunt, 5-year	\$160 <sup>2</sup>
Fish, 1-day	\$6.50	Fish, lifetime (age 0-5)	\$306.50
Fish, 3-day	\$21.50	Fish, lifetime (age 6-15)	\$365.50
Paddlefish	\$20	Fish, lifetime (age 16-45)	\$445
Deployed military, annual	\$15	Fish, lifetime (age 46-over)	\$365.50
Veteran Fish/Hunt, annual	\$5	Fish/Hunt, lifetime (age 0-5)	\$424.50
Senior Fish/Hunt, annual	\$5	Fish/Hunt, lifetime (age 6-15)	\$572
Special disabled, annual	\$5	Fish/Hunt, lifetime (age 16-45)	\$698
Fish, 3-year	\$75 <sup>1</sup>	Fish/Hunt, lifetime (age 46-over)	\$572
Fish, 5-year	\$110 <sup>2</sup>		
NONRESIDENT FISH			
Fish, annual	\$59.50	Fish/Hunt, 3-year	\$351 <sup>1</sup>
Fish/Hunt, annual	\$130	Fish/Hunt, 5-year	\$520 <sup>2</sup>
Fish, 1-day	\$8.50	Fish, lifetime (age 0-16)	\$631
Fish, 3-day	\$26.50	Fish, lifetime (age 17-over)	\$950
Paddlefish	\$40	Fish/Hunt, lifetime (age 0-16)	\$1,250.50
Fish, 3-year	\$161 <sup>1</sup>	Fish/Hunt, lifetime (age 17-over)	\$1,870
Fish, 5-year	\$240 <sup>2</sup>		
<sup>1</sup> Includes 3-year Aquatic Habitat Stamp			
<sup>2</sup> Includes 5-year Aquatic Habitat Stamp			
PARK			
Park, annual	\$25		
Duplicate park, annual	\$12.50		
Park, daily	\$5		

## PERMITS

It is important for anglers to buy a fishing permit to support Nebraska fisheries management, habitat protection and restoration projects. A Nebraska permit is required of residents and nonresidents age 16 and over. Nonresidents under age 16 need not have a fishing permit if they are accompanied by someone who has a Nebraska fishing permit.

### WHO NEEDS A FISHING PERMIT?

A fishing permit is required to take, or attempt to take, fish, bullfrogs, snapping turtles, barred salamanders (formerly tiger salamanders), or mussels by any legal method. An angler must carry the fishing permit while actively fishing.

**Residents** – The requirements to qualify as a Nebraska resident:

- Reside in Nebraska continuously for 30 days or more before making application for a permit and intend to become a resident of Nebraska.
- Residents attending school in another state, or stationed outside the state of Nebraska as part of a military assignment, who have maintained Nebraska as their state of legal residency.
- Military personnel and full-time students stationed or attending school in Nebraska for a period of at least 30 days.

**NOTE:** A new resident should be prepared to provide documentation of residency (driver's license, voter registration, etc.) to an officer when in possession of a resident permit.

**Nonresidents** – A nonresident fishing permit is required of all people who are not Nebraska residents, except those listed above and those under 16 years of age who are accompanied by someone with a Nebraska fishing permit.

### WHEN FISHING PERMIT NOT REQUIRED

The owner or a guest of the owner of any totally private body of water is not required to have a fishing permit on that body of water if that body of water:

- is located entirely on private land
- is entirely privately stocked
- does not connect by inflow or outflow with any other off-property body of water
- is not commercially operated
- is a licensed, commercial put-and-take operation

### OTHER TYPES OF PERMITS

**Fee-Exempt Permits** – These are available to resident veterans who:

- are 50 percent disabled as a result of armed forces service
- receive a pension from the Veterans Administration as a result of a total and permanent disability not incurred in the line of duty while in military service
- obtained fee-exempt permits before Jan. 1, 2006

**Veteran and Senior Permits** – An annual fish/hunt permit is available for resident veterans age 64 and older and residents age 69 and older.

**Special Fishing Permit** – This annual permit is for physically or developmentally disabled residents who cannot cast or retrieve unassisted.

- This entitles the disabled person and one person assisting him or her to take, fish, catch, harvest, or possess any aquatic organism in compliance with state regulations.
- If the person assisting does not have a valid fishing permit, they are restricted to one daily bag limit between the two anglers.
- Disabled person is defined as a person certified by a physician to have a permanent physical impairment or developmental disability that results in the inability to use fishing equipment unassisted.
- Applications are available from Game and Parks district offices, as well as offices in Omaha and the Ak-Sar-Ben Aquarium.

**Educational Fishing Project Permit** – This may be obtained by instructors at any university, college, or high school from the Fisheries Division for his/her students, 16 years of age and older who are participating in an educational fishing project.

**Paddlefish Permit** – Required, along with a Nebraska fishing permit, for taking paddlefish by snagging or bow and arrow.

### **BORDER WATERS**

Anglers holding a Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa, or Missouri sport fishing license may fish all waters of the Missouri River in the state they are licensed, as well as Missouri River waters of the state immediately across the river.

- Missouri River waters are defined to include all flowing portions and backwaters, sloughs and chutes that draw water from the Missouri River.
- Oxbows and backwaters separated from the Missouri River by land are included if the state boundary line passes through some part of such waters.
- Mouths of tributaries may be fished only in the state that the angler is licensed.
- Anglers may fish from either bank or boats.
- Anglers fishing in the state for which they do not hold a fishing permit must abide by the more restrictive of the two state's regulations.
- Iowa and Missouri resident anglers may fish waters of Hamburg Bend Wildlife Management Area and the Nebraska portion of the Missouri River from the chute entrance (adjacent to Iowa) to the chute exit (adjacent to Missouri).

### **HOOK-AND-LINE REGULATIONS**

Hook-and-line fishing is allowed year-round throughout the state, except as noted or as posted at an area.

**Definition of a Hook** – One hook means a single, double or treble-pointed hook. All hooks attached to an artificial bait or lure shall be counted as one hook.

**Ponds, Lakes or Reservoirs** – Anglers are limited to no more than two lines, with a maximum of two hooks on each line, with these being any type of attached line (e.g., rod and reel or fishing pole) on all lakes, ponds or reservoirs or in their inlets, outlets and canals within one-half mile of these bodies of water, with the exception of ice-fishing line limits. This includes Lewis and Clark Lake from Gavins Point Dam upstream to the Santee boat ramp in Knox County.

**Ice-Fishing** – A total of five lines with two hooks on each line are permitted. Each line must be under direct supervision and within unaided observation of the angler. Holes made for ice-fishing may not exceed 10 inches in diameter on any area controlled by Game and Parks. A special \$5 permit is required for a permanent shelter on state recreation areas and wildlife management area lakes. Applications and regulations are available from conservation officers or Game and Parks offices. This does not apply to temporary shelters used and removed each day.

**Rivers or Streams** – A total of 15 hooks are allowed, ranging from 15 lines each with a single hook attached, to three lines with a maximum of five hooks attached. Anglers must be at least one-half mile from any lake, pond or reservoir that is associated with a river or stream. These can be rods and reels, poles, bank lines, or setlines that are attached to the bank and not free-floating. Jug lines are illegal and defined as any line not attached to the shoreline or a pole. All bank lines and setlines must contain the angler's name, address and fishing-permit number or driver's license number.

**NOTE:** Upon completion of fishing, all bank lines and setlines must be removed.

### **IT IS UNLAWFUL TO ...**

- borrow or use the permit of another or lend your permit to another
- leave dead fish or any part of one on the banks or in the water of any stream, lake or other body of water
- fish on any private land without landowner permission
- release into public waters of the state any fish that did not originate in that body of water
- use a crossbow or similar device while archery fishing, except for a disabled person who has a medical certificate on file
- seine sport fish of any size
- leave fish in a trap for more than 24 hours
- attempt to snag fish, except in designated areas (see page 25)
- use limb lines or set lines in any pond, lake or reservoir
- catch fish by hand
- buy or attempt to buy a permit while under license suspension or revocation in any state
- keep an externally foul-hooked fish, except those legally snagged
- consume and/or have an open container of alcohol at Lake McConaughy State Recreation Area or at any wildlife management area

## SNAGGING

Snagging of paddlefish and nongame fish is permitted only in the Missouri River under season dates and limits specified in the Paddlefish and Snagging of Nongame Fish section. All other state waters are closed to snagging for all species at all times. All fish snagged accidentally or otherwise foul-hooked, must be returned to the water immediately.

## BAG, POSSESSION AND LENGTH LIMITS

Bag and possession limits may vary between "inland waters" and "waters of the Missouri River." For this purpose only:

- inland waters include all waters of the state except the waters of the Missouri River
- waters of the Missouri River include all of the river along Nebraska's border and all reservoirs, oxbows, sloughs, chutes, backwaters, and marshes that have annual surface water connection to the river and the first 300 yards upstream from the mouth of all tributary streams
- statewide includes all inland waters of the state and waters of the Missouri River

Any fish that is not to be counted in the daily bag limit must be returned immediately to the water with as little injury as possible. Any fish placed on a stringer or in a container, or not returned to the water must be counted in the bag. Culling and high-grading is not allowed.

**Daily Bag Limit** – The number of fish harvested from midnight to the following midnight taken by all legal methods combined. No person may possess more than one day's bag limit of fish while on the water or actively fishing.

**Possession Limit** – The total number of fish that a person may possess in portable coolers, home freezers, registered in his/her name in a commercial cold storage locker, or in any way under their control. Fish or aquatic animals placed in public storage or transferred must be labeled with the owner's name, address, phone number, date of birth, signature, date taken, species and numbers, and the name of recipient, if transferred.

**How to Measure a Fish** – Lay the fish on its side with its mouth closed and the tail lobes pressed together. With a yardstick or tape measure under the fish, measure the length from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail. Do not follow the contour of the fish.

**Minimum Length Limit** – A fish must be equal to or longer than the defined length to be legally harvested.

**Maximum Length Limit** – A fish must be shorter than the defined length to be legally harvested.

**Protected Slot Limit** – A range of lengths of a particular species that may not be harvested legally. For instance, a 28- to 34-inch protected slot limit on northern pike means that only northern pike less than 28 inches in length or greater than 34 inches may be harvested.

**One-Over Length Bag Limits** – For some species, such as black bass and walleye, the number of large fish that may be harvested may be limited on some or all waters. For example, while it may be legal to harvest four black bass more than 15 inches from a given lake, statewide regulations prohibit an angler from harvesting more than one black bass 21 inches or longer each day from any waters. Therefore, for lakes with a 21-inch minimum length limit on black bass, the daily bag limit becomes one fish.

## LENGTH LIMITS

These species have minimum length limits statewide:

- largemouth bass
- smallmouth bass
- spotted bass
- walleye
- sauger
- saugeye
- muskellunge

Refer to the Public Waters Section of this guide for special regulations on specific bodies of water.

### Black Bass (Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted)

- Daily bag limit may contain only one black bass 21 inches or longer, statewide
- 12-inch minimum – The Missouri River between Nebraska and Iowa, and between Nebraska and Missouri
- 15-inch minimum – All inland waters, including DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge, Snyder Bend Lake and Lake Yankton.
- 21-inch minimum on waters as listed in the Public Fishing Area section, and on waters enrolled in the Open Waters Program, and PATH Fishing Program

### Bullfrogs

- 4½-inch minimum (snout to vent) — statewide

### Crappie

- 10-inch minimum – Branched Oak Lake, Czechland Lake, Sherman Reservoir

### Muskellunge and Tiger Muskie

- 40-inch minimum – statewide

### Northern Pike

- 28-inch maximum – Valentine National Wildlife Refuge
- 30-inch minimum – Alda DOR, Grove Lake, Cottonmill Lake, Enders Reservoir, Red Willow Reservoir, Maskenthine Reservoir, Sherman Reservoir
- 28- to 34-inch protected slot length limit – Box Butte Reservoir and Goose Lake

### Striped Bass, White Bass and Their Hybrids (Combined)

- Daily bag limit can contain only one fish 16 inches or longer – statewide

### Walleye, Sauger and Saugeye

- Daily bag limit – may contain only one walleye, sauger or saugeye 22 inches or longer on all inland waters, except Sherman reservoir
- 15-inch minimum – statewide, except for the portion of the Missouri River downstream of Gavins Point Dam (no minimum length) and the following reservoirs:
  - **Branched Oak Lake** – daily bag limit is one walleye 22 inches or longer
  - **DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge** – 15-inch minimum length

- **Elwood, Merritt, Calamus and Harlan County reservoirs** – daily bag limit of four may include one walleye from 15 to 18 inches and three longer than 18 inches or four longer than 18 inches. No more than one longer than 22 inches allowed in daily bag
- **Sherman Reservoir** – daily bag limit may include two walleye longer than 15 inches but less than 20 inches and one walleye longer than 28 inches. There is a slot limit protecting 20- to 28-inch walleyes

### LENGTH LIMITS AND CLEANING OF FISH

Where length and bag limits apply, fish may not be filleted until fishing is completed for the day and anglers are off the water. Fish subject to bag and possession limits but not length limits, may be processed before transport if the fillets are kept in one piece until cooked, so the bag and possession limits can be determined.

Fish species subject to a length limit may not be possessed with more than the gills, viscera and scales removed while on the water, wading or engaged in fishing. Any fish in possession while actively fishing or on the water will be subject to length and bag limits that apply to the water being fished. Once off the water, the fish may be filleted for transportation and storage.

### SPECIAL DAILY BAG LIMITS

#### Trout

- Four fish allowed per tag with up to three tags purchased per day
  - Two Rivers Trout Lake

#### Striped Bass, White Bass and Their Hybrids

**Daily bag limit** – 3 (no more than 1 longer than 16 inches)

- Elwood Reservoir
- Stagecoach Reservoir
- Wagon Train Reservoir
- Willow Creek Reservoir

#### Catch-and-release only:

- Branched Oak Lake

#### Northern Pike

**Daily bag limit** – 10 (only one more than 34 inches in length and nine less than 28 inches, or all 10 less than 28 inches)

- Box Butte Reservoir

#### Catch-and-release only:

- Glenn Cunningham Lake
- Lake Wanahoo

#### Channel Catfish

#### Catch-and-release only:

- Fort Kearny SRA No. 2
- Two Rivers SRA Lakes 3 and 4
- Wildwood Lake
- Windmill SRA No. 3

### STATEWIDE BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS

SPECIES	BAG	POSSESSION
Trout * NOTE: All species combined; no more than one fish longer than 16 inches on all waters except the Sutherland Canal	5	10
Striped bass, white bass, wiper * NOTE: No more than one fish longer than 16 inches on all waters	15	30
Walleye, sauger, saugeye (in combination) * NOTE: In combination; only one fish 22 inches or longer allowed in daily bag; inland waters only	4	8
Muskellunge, tiger muskie	1	2
Baitfish, barred salamander, leopard frog (in combination)	100	100
Shovelnose sturgeon NOTE: No harvest allowed on the Missouri River upstream from mouth of the Big Sioux River	10	20
Pallid and lake sturgeon	No harvest allowed	
Northern pike *	3	10
Blue catfish *	1	2
Channel catfish * Standing water (reservoirs, lakes, ponds and pits) Flowing water (rivers, streams and canals)	5 10	20
Flathead catfish * NOTE: No more than one fish longer than 30 inches on all waters	5	10
Panfish * NOTE: See species list on page 14	15	30
Mussel and clam	10	20
Game fish and nongame fish species not listed	No Limit	
Bullfrog	8	16
Snapping turtle	5	10
Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass (in combination)* NOTE: Only one bass 21 inches or longer allowed in the daily bag	5	10
<b>WATERS OF THE MISSOURI RIVER BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS</b>		
Paddlefish NOTE: Special permit required	2	2

\* Refer to the Public Fishing Areas for special bag, possession and length limits on specific bodies of water, page 34.

## CATEGORIES OF FISH SPECIES

**GAME FISH:** Includes all baitfish, commercial fish and sport fish.

### Sport Fish

- all sunfish hybrids
- American eel
- black crappie
- blue catfish
- bluegill
- brook trout
- brown trout
- burbot
- channel catfish
- chinook salmon
- cutthroat trout
- flathead catfish
- goldeye
- grass pickerel
- green sunfish
- largemouth bass
- muskellunge
- northern pike
- orangespotted sunfish
- paddlefish
- pumpkinseed
- rainbow trout
- redear sunfish
- rock bass
- sauger
- saugeye
- shovelnose sturgeon
- skipjack herring
- smallmouth bass
- spotted bass
- striped bass
- striped bass hybrid (wiper)
- tiger muskellunge
- walleye
- white bass
- white crappie

### Panfish

- all sunfish hybrids
- black crappie
- bluegill
- green sunfish
- orangespotted sunfish
- pumpkinseed
- redear sunfish
- rock bass
- white crappie
- yellow perch

### Sunfish

- all sunfish hybrids
- bluegill
- green sunfish
- orangespotted sunfish
- pumpkinseed
- redear sunfish

### Commercial Fish

- black bullhead
- freshwater drum
- yellow bullhead
- yellow perch

### Baitfish

- alewife
- bigmouth shiner
- brassy minnow
- creek chub
- devil crayfish\*
- emerald shiner
- fathead minnow
- gizzard shad
- golden shiner
- goldfish
- longnose dace
- northern crayfish\*
- papershell crayfish\*
- plains killfish
- red shiner
- ringed crayfish\*
- river shiner
- sand shiner
- stoneroller
- suckermouth minnow
- barred (formerly tiger) salamander\*
- white sucker

\* amphibians and crustaceans covered under baitfish regulations

### Threatened and Endangered Species

It is illegal to possess the following:

- blacknose shiner
- finscale dace
- lake sturgeon
- northern redbelly dace
- pallid sturgeon
- pearl dace
- sturgeon chub
- Topeka shiner

### Nongame Fish

Includes all species not on any of the above lists.

### Flathead Catfish

Catch-and-release only:

- Branched Oak Lake
- Fort Kearny SRA No. 2
- Two Rivers SRA Lakes 3 and 4
- Wildwood Lake
- Windmill SRA No. 3

### Blue Catfish

Catch-and-release only:

- Fort Kearny SRA No. 2
- Two Rivers SRA Lakes 3 and 4
- Wildwood Lake
- Windmill SRA No. 3

## NON-FISH SPECIES WITH SEASONS

### Bullfrogs

Season – Aug. 15 – Oct. 31

Bag Limit – 8

Methods of Take – Bullfrogs may be taken only by hand, hand net or hook-and-line. Artificial light may be used.

Size – Bullfrogs must measure 4½ inches from snout to vent or be released. Only the entrails may be removed before transport.

### Snapping Turtles

Season – year-round

Bag Limit – 5

Possession Limit – 10

Method of Take – Snapping turtles may be taken only by hand, hand net, hook-and-line, bow-and-arrow, gaff hook or legal trap. (Traps allowed only on private waters.)

### Mussels

Season – year-round

Bag Limit – 10

Possession Limit – 20

Method of Take – Mussels may be taken only by hand, hand net or hook-and-line.



## BAIT REGULATIONS

Baitfish, listed amphibians and crayfish may not be sold, except by permit. For commercial purposes (bait dealers, private aquaculturists and nonresident fish dealers), refer to the regulations supplied with your permit. The following regulations apply only to bait obtained for personal use.

- It is unlawful to take baitfish, listed amphibians or crayfish from any lake, reservoir or bayou unless otherwise stated below.
- It shall be unlawful for any individual or bait dealer to transport away from the river any baitfish collected on the Missouri River downstream below Gavins Point Dam and all other rivers and streams located east of U. S. Highway 81 from the South Dakota border to York, north of Interstate 80 from York to Lincoln, and east of U. S. Highway 77 from Lincoln to the Kansas border. The use of baitfish seined by anglers from these rivers and streams are restricted to these areas.
- Digging and trapping for bait or any other purpose is prohibited on all state-owned or controlled areas.
- Seining for baitfish, listed amphibians or crayfish is allowed on streams located on state recreation areas (SRA) and wildlife management areas (WMA) unless the stream is listed as closed.
- All non-baitfish taken while netting or seining for bait must be returned immediately to the waters from which taken.
- The bag and possession limit of baitfish and listed amphibians for personal use is 100.

**NOTE:** Anglers who seine their own baitfish should identify the fish species collected properly to avoid transfer of invasive species (see pages 28-29). They also should not dump the baitfish or water from the seining location into a different water body as that could also transfer invasive species including fish diseases.

**Gizzard Shad and Alewife** – May be taken for use as bait by legal dip nets from lakes, ponds, reservoirs, and below dams and other artificial obstructions for a distance of 200 yards below such obstructions.

- Live shad and alewife may be used only in the body of water in which they were captured.
- Shad and alewife may be taken by legal seine or dip net in streams, except those streams closed to the taking of baitfish or bait by such method.

**Below Dams** – The seining of baitfish, listed amphibians or crayfish is unlawful for a distance of 200 yards below any dam or spillway. In these waters, baitfish, listed amphibians and crayfish may be taken by legal baitfish dip nets for personal use only.

**Restricted Species** – It is unlawful to sell, transport or offer for sale as bait, any live carp, carpsucker, bullhead, buffalo, gar, quillback, gizzard shad, alewife, or bowfin.

- Live fish of those species may be used for bait only in the same waters from which they are legally taken.
- Dead carp, carpsucker, bullhead, buffalo, gar, quillback, gizzard shad, alewife, or bowfin may be transported for use as bait.

### • Sport fish may be used for bait if:

- they have been acquired legally from a licensed aquaculturist or a nonresident fish dealer. The angler must keep a legible receipt or invoice from the dealer listing the date, seller's name and address, and number and size of each species sold.
- they are captured using hook and line and used at the body of water from which they were captured. Anglers must follow both the length and bag limits for that body of water.

**Importation** – It is unlawful for individuals to import live baitfish from out of state for use in inland waters. This does not include the Missouri River. It is unlawful to import or transport carp, carpsucker, buffalo, quillback, gar, gizzard shad, alewife, or bowfin into the state for use as bait. Special permits are required for a person to import and sell bait or baitfish.

### THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

It is unlawful to take by seine, dip net or trap any baitfish in the following streams, which contain threatened and endangered fish species:

- Cherry County – Brush Creek west of Brownlee, and Gordon Creek west of Nebraska Highway 61
- Dawes County – Niobrara River east of Box Butte Reservoir and west of U.S. Highway 385
- Keya Paha County – Cottonwood Creek, East Holt Creek and Holt Creek
- Madison County – Taylor Creek west of U.S. Highway 81

### NO-LIVE-BAITFISH AREAS

The following areas do not allow the use or possession of live baitfish:

#### Southeast:

- Hedgefield Lake
- Holmes Lake
- Iron Horse Trail Lake
- Lake Wanahoo
- Meadowlark Lake
- Olive Creek Lake
- Wildwood Lake
- Yankee Hill Lake

#### Southwest:

- Ansley City Lake

- Arnold Lake
- Bethphage Pond
- Cottonmill Lake
- Such's Lake
- Heartwell Park Pond
- Holdrege City North Lake
- Lexington City Lake
- Lincoln Park Pond
- North Platte I-80 Lake
- Ravenna Lake
- Victoria Spring Lake
- Yanney Park Lake

#### Northwest:

- Crescent Lake NWR
- Frye Lake
- Valentine NWR

#### Northeast:

- Chalkrock Lake
- Pibel Lake
- Skyview Lake
- TaHaZouka Park Pond
- Clear Lake (Brown County)

### OTHER BAIT RESTRICTIONS

**White Perch** – It is illegal to transport or possess live white perch away from the body of water from which they were caught. The introduction of white perch into new bodies of water may destroy the quality of the fish community and may require the total renovation of the fishery.

**Dumping** – It is illegal to release baitfish or any fish caught from a different body of water into public waters.

**Exportation** – Up to 100 legally captured baitfish and/or listed amphibians may be exported by a resident for personal use for fishing outside the state if allowed by the destination state. Licensed aquaculturists may transport an unlimited number of baitfish that have been artificially propagated in manmade impoundments out of state if allowed by the destination state.

**Baits and Scents** – Cutbait is legal if the fish used has been legally acquired and the size, bag and possession limits for that species and body of water have been followed. It also is legal to chum for fish using nonharmful baits. Anise oil and other scents that do not stun, kill or harm fish are permitted.

**Leopard Frogs and Barred (formerly tiger) Salamanders** – All regulations that cover the legal use of baitfish also apply to these species. Leopard frogs can only be collected for individual use, not commercial use.

**Crayfish** – There is no possession limit on crayfish. Anyone over the age of 16 must have a bait dealer's license in order to sell crayfish. Crayfish may be captured by hook and line, by hand or by legal fish nets and traps as described below.

**Fish Nets and Traps** – The possession or use of nets, traps and electrical gear capable of stunning fish is prohibited except for the following:

- Baitfish seines of one-fourth inch nonmetallic square mesh only and not more than 20 feet long and four feet deep.
- Baitfish dip nets of one-fourth inch, nonmetallic square mesh. Neither length nor width may exceed 36 inches.
- Baitfish and bait traps of one-fourth inch square mesh material with a length of 24 inches or less, a diameter of 16 inches or less and a throat two inches or less in diameter. All minnow traps shall be raised, and the baitfish removed at least every 24 hours.
- Landing nets, made of nonmetallic mesh, used only for landing fish caught on hook-and-line.

**Turtle Traps** – A legal turtle trap must contain a throat or funnel to be constructed of netting that is at least 4 inches square mesh and must allow turtles to reach the surface to breathe, personally checked at least every 24 hours and tagged with a metal tag listing the owner's name, address, and fishing permit number or driver's license number. Turtle traps can only be used on private waters and it is unlawful to sell, offer for sale or barter any snapping turtles. Any turtle(s) exceeding the daily bag limits shall be released immediately.

#### **CAST NETS**

- Only cast nets up to 10 feet in diameter with a mesh size no larger than three-eighths inches square measure are legal gear.
- Cast nets may be used only during July, August, September, October, and November.
- Cast nets may be used to collect gizzard shad and alewife only.
- Live gizzard shad and alewife only may be used for bait the same day they were captured and only in the same body of water where they were collected.

- Cast nets may be used to collect bait only on the following bodies of water:

#### **Northeast:**

- Calamus Reservoir
- Davis Creek Reservoir

#### **Southwest:**

- Elwood Reservoir
- Farwell South Reservoir
- Gallagher Canyon Reservoir
- Harlan County Reservoir
- Johnson Lake
- Midway complex reservoirs
- Phillips Canyon Reservoir

- Plum Creek Reservoir
- Sherman Reservoir
- Enders Reservoir
- Jeffrey Reservoir
- Lake Maloney
- Medicine Creek Reservoir
- Lake McConaughy
- Red Willow Reservoir
- Sutherland Reservoir
- Swanson Reservoir
- Tri-County Canal from the diversion dam in Lincoln County to the J-2 return

#### **FISH STOCKING**

It is unlawful to release any non-native fish, reptile or amphibian in waters of the state or to release any fish in any public waters in the state except in those waters from which it came, without written authorization from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

### **OTHER REGULATIONS**

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#### **ARCHERY AND SURFACE SPEARFISHING**

- Game fish may be taken by bow and arrow statewide from July 1 through Dec. 31 from sunrise to sunset.
- Game fish may not be taken with surface spears.
- Nongame fish may be taken by archery or surface spear statewide 24 hours a day year around.
- Artificial lights are allowed.
- Only hand-drawn longbows (including compound bows) are legal.
- A disabled person who has a medical certificate on file with Game and Parks may use a crossbow or a bow fitted with a draw-lock type device.
- Arrows may have only one point, which must be barbed, and must be attached by a line to the bow at the time the arrow is released.
- For surface spearing, only hand spears are legal.
- The following waters are closed year-round: Platte River and Eugene T. Mahoney state parks.

## UNDERWATER SPEARFISHING

- Lawful spear guns include hand spears, rubber band-powered spear guns, compressed air spear guns, and spring-loaded spear guns.
- All spears used on powered spear guns must be attached to a shooting line no more than 20 feet long.
- Underwater spearfishing is not permitted within 100 yards of any designated swimming or water-ski jump area, boat dock, boat ramp, or spillway.

**Seasons** – The season for game fish is July 1 through Dec. 31 in waters listed below, except \*Box Butte Reservoir and private waters, which starts on June 1. Bag, possession and length limits are the same as for hook and line. Hours are sunrise to sunset. The season for nongame fish is year-round in waters listed below. There are no size, bag or possession limits for nongame fish species. Hours are sunrise to sunset.

**Waters Open to All Species** – All privately-owned lakes are open, with permission of the owner, as well as:

- Lake McConaughy
- Lake Ogallala
- Lake Minatare
- Box Butte Reservoir\*
- Lewis and Clark Lake
- Harlan County Reservoir
- Enders Reservoir
- Elwood Reservoir
- Red Willow Reservoir
- Medicine Creek
- Sutherland Reservoir
- Maloney Reservoir
- Jeffrey Reservoir
- Johnson Reservoir
- Sherman Reservoir
- Swanson Reservoir
- Merritt Reservoir
- Calamus Reservoir

**Waters Open to Nongame Fish Species Only:**

### Buffalo County

- Union Pacific SRA
- War Axe SRA
- Bassway Strip WMA
- Bufflehead WMA
- Kea Lake WMA
- Kea West WMA
- East Odessa WMA
- Blue Hole West WMA
- West Elm Creek WMA
- North Kearney Rest Stop

### Dawson County

- Dogwood WMA
- Cozad WMA
- Cozad West WMA
- Willow Island WMA
- East Gothenburg WMA

### Hall County

- Cheyenne SRA
- West Wood River WMA
- Alda DOR

### Phelps County

- Sandy Channel SRA

**Diver's Flag** – A diver's flag must be displayed on the water on a float or buoy when diving or underwater spearfishing. Divers and underwater spearfishers must remain within 150 feet of the flag. The flag must be at least 12 inches square, with a red background and white diagonal stripe that is one-fifth the width of the flag. The white stripe must run from the top of the hoist to the bottom of the flag. It is unlawful to display this flag when diving or spearfishing is not in progress.

## TROUT WATERS

It is unlawful to possess a seine of any type on trout streams in Sioux, Scotts Bluff, Morrill, Garden, and Keith counties that are tributaries of the North Platte River and Lake McConaughy, including:

- Pumpkin
- Red Willow
- Wildhorse
- Stuckenhole
- Ninemile
- Tub Springs
- Winter, Sheep
- Dry Sheep
- Spotted Tail
- Dry Spotted Tail
- Otter
- Clear
- Lonergan
- Upper Dugout
- Indian
- Silvernail Drain
- Cedar creeks

Legal landing nets on these waters can have a maximum diameter of 12 inches, a maximum depth of 15 inches and a maximum handle length of 3 feet.

It is unlawful to take or attempt to take sport or nongame fish by seine or trap any bait or minnows in any of the following trout streams:

### NORTHEAST:

#### Rock County

- Long Pine Creek

#### Antelope County

- Verdigre Creek and tributaries

#### Brown County

- Bone Creek and tributaries
- Long Pine Creek and tributaries
- Fairfield Creek
- Plum Creek and tributaries

#### Holt County

- Steel Creek
- North, Middle and South branches of Verdigre Creek

#### Loup County

- Gracie Creek

#### Knox County

- North, Middle and South branches of Verdigre Creek and tributaries above the town of Verdigre
- Steel Creek

### NORTHWEST:

#### Box Butte County

- Niobrara River

#### Cherry County

- Middle Loup River and tributaries
- North Loup River and tributaries

- Schlagel Creek

- Snake River and tributaries
- Plum Creek and tributaries
- Fairfield Creek

#### Cheyenne County

- Lodgepole Creek west of Brownson

#### Dawes County

- Chadron Creek
- Big Bordeaux Creek
- Little Bordeaux Creek
- Dead Horse Creek
- Squaw Creek
- White Clay Creek
- White River above Crawford
- Niobrara River from Box Butte Reservoir west to Wyoming border and tributaries (no seining below Box Butte Reservoir downstream to U.S. Hwy. 385)

#### Garden County

- Blue Creek

#### Hooker County

- Dismal River and tributaries

#### Keith County

- Otter Creek
- Whitetail Creek
- Lonergan Creek and tributaries

#### Kimball County

- Lodgepole Creek and tributaries

### Morrill County

- Red Willow Creek
- Cedar Creek
- Greenwood Creek
- Wildhorse Creek
- Lawrence Fork Creek
- Silvernail Drain
- Indian Creek
- Stuckenhole Creek
- Pumpkin Creek below Neb. Hwy. 88

### Scotts Bluff County

- Ninemile Creek
- Winters Creek
- Tub Springs
- Wet Spotted Tail Creek
- Dry Spotted Tail Creek
- Sheep Creek
- Dry Sheep Creek
- Stuckenhole Creek
- Akers Draw
- Mitchell Drain
- Moffat Drain
- Alliance Drain
- Bayard Drain

### Sheridan County

- Snake River
- Larabee Creek
- White Clay Creek
- Pine Creek
- Deer Creek
- Little Bordeaux Creek

### Sioux County

- Sheep Creek Drain
- Dry Sheep Creek Drain
- Dry Spotted Tail Creek
- Spotted Tail Creek
- Sowbelly Creek
- White River
- Soldier Creek and tributaries
- Monroe Creek
- Hat Creek
- Niobrara River and tributaries

### SOUTHWEST:

### Webster County

- Elm Creek

## PADDLEFISH

### PERMITS

- One person may have no more than two Nebraska archery permits and two Nebraska snagging permits per year.
- Permits and their accompanying tags are nontransferable.
- Permits are issued using a preference system. The applicant will receive a preference point if he or she is unsuccessful in being awarded a permit.
- Any person that does not apply at least once during five consecutive years will lose all accumulated points.

**Buddy Applications** – Buddy permits are for two applicants only. Applicants must be either both residents or both nonresidents. If there is a difference in preference points, the applications will be assigned to the applicant with the lowest preference points.

### APPLICATION PERIODS

**Archery permit:** April 1-14

Permits remaining following the first drawing will be sold on first-come, first-served basis beginning at 1 p.m. Central Time on the first working day of June.

**Snagging permit:** July 1-14

Permits remaining following the first drawing will be sold on first-come, first-served basis beginning at 1 p.m. Central Time on the first working day of September.

**NOTE:** All application periods begin at 1 p. m. Central Time. Mailed applications must be received in the Lincoln office by 5 p.m. on the last day of the application period. Online applications end at midnight.

Office use only. Application number \_\_\_\_\_

### Application for Paddlefish Permit

**Resident Fee: \$21 Nonresident Fee: \$41 (includes \$1 issuance fee)**

Paddlefish Archery Permit  Paddlefish Snagging Permit

\_\_\_\_\_  
First name Middle initial Last name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address - Street / P.O. Box / Rural Route and Box Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State ZIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Telephone Social Security Number (last 4 digits)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth MONTH/DAY/YEAR Sex:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Hair color: Eye color: Height: ft. in. Weight:

Buddy permit (attach second application form and fee in the same envelope)

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address

VISA  MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_

Card number: Exp. date

Applicant must be 12 years old by the second Saturday of July to apply for an archery permit and by October 1 to apply for a snagging permit.

Send this application with appropriate fee to:  
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission  
2200 N 33rd St., P.O. Box 30370  
Lincoln, NE 68503-0370

## ARCHERY PADDLEFISH

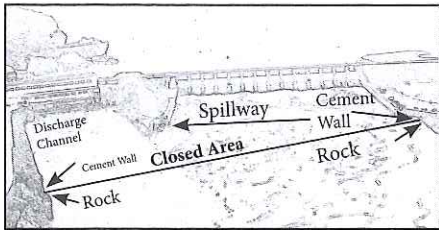
Paddlefish may be taken by bow and arrow and possessed in a designated area of the Missouri River only during the season.

**Season** – 30 days, beginning on second Saturday in July

**Legal Hours** – sunrise to sunset

**Open Area** – The open area is from Gavins Point Dam downstream to the mouth of the Big Sioux River at mile marker 734.

**Closed Area** – The area extending downstream from Gavins Point Dam to a line extending from the east end of the south cement wall of the discharge channel northwest to the east end of the north wall of the spillway is closed to archers. The area downstream of this line is open to archers taking game and nongame fish during the appropriate seasons.



**NOTE: If the spillway gates are in operation, boating may be restricted in the tailwater area by the U.S. Corps of Engineers**

**NOTE:** From the open area below Gavins Point Dam to 0.6 miles downstream, archers may harvest paddlefish if they possess a valid Nebraska resident or Nebraska nonresident archery paddlefish permit or a South Dakota resident archery paddlefish permit. In the remainder of the river open to archery paddlefish, South Dakota nonresident archery paddlefish permits also are valid. The area downstream of this line is open to archers taking game and nongame fish during the appropriate seasons.

**Requirements** – All paddlefish archery anglers must have in their possession a paddlefish tag and a Nebraska fishing permit. Applicants for tags must be 12 years old by the second Saturday of July.

**Tagging** – Any paddlefish landed must be tagged immediately in the dorsal fin with the angler's tag. Any paddlefish tag that is locked shut before attachment, altered or modified shall be void and will not be replaced.

**Tag limit** – Each angler may have no more than two tags.

**Cleaning and Transportation** – Anglers harvesting a paddlefish are allowed to process the fish down to two whole fillets after completion of a fishing trip and upon leaving the Missouri River with both the closed paddlefish tag and paddlefish permit remaining with the fillets.

## SNAGGING PADDLEFISH

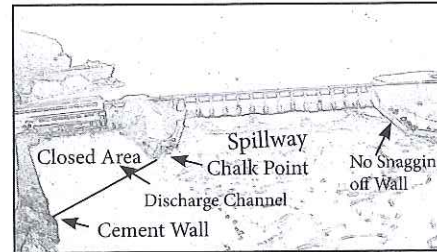
Snagging of paddlefish and nongame fish in the Missouri River is permitted from the Gavins Point Dam downstream to the mouth of the Big Sioux River at mile marker 734.

**Season** – Oct. 1-31

**Area Closed** – The area extending downstream from Gavins Point Dam to a line extending from the east end of the south cement wall of the discharge channel northwest to the east end of the chalk point is closed to snagging.

Also:

- Snagging off the north wall of the spillway is prohibited.
- All inland waters are closed to paddlefish harvest.



**NOTE: If the spillway gates are in operation, boating may be restricted in the tailwater area by the U.S. Corps of Engineers**

**Requirements** – Snaggers must have in their possession an unfilled paddlefish tag while actively snagging, in addition to a valid fishing permit, if required. From Gavins Point Dam to 0.6 miles downstream, snaggers must possess a valid Nebraska resident or Nebraska nonresident snagging permit or a South Dakota resident snagging permit. In the remainder of the river open to snagging, South Dakota nonresident permits also are valid.

**Possession** – Paddlefish harvested by snagging may be possessed only on the Missouri River during the open season in the designated open area.

**Legal Hours** – 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Minimum Age** – Applicants must be 12 years old by Oct. 1 to be eligible to apply for a snagging permit.

**Tagging** – A paddlefish must be tagged immediately in the dorsal fin with the angler's tag upon addition to the creel. Any paddlefish tag that is locked before attachment, altered or modified shall be void and will not be replaced.

**Hooks** – Only one hook may be used when snagging, and the gap between the point of the hook and the shank may not exceed one-half inch.

**Bag and Possession Limits** – The daily bag and possession limits are the total number of tags issued to an individual.

**Casting and Hooking** – All paddlefish anglers are required to cast for and hook their own fish.

**Length Limit** – All paddlefish between 35 and 45 inches long (measured along the centerline of the fish, lying flat, from the front margin of the eye to the natural fork of the tail), must be returned to the water immediately.

**Gaff Hook** – It is unlawful to use a gaff hook or other penetrating device while landing snagged paddlefish.

**Cleaning and Transportation** – Anglers harvesting a paddlefish are allowed to process the fish down to two whole fillets after completion of a fishing trip and upon leaving the Missouri River with both the closed paddlefish tag and paddlefish permit remaining with the fillets.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### ATVs AND SNOWMOBILES FOR ICE-FISHING

Snowmobiles, all-terrain and motorized off-highway amphibious vehicles may be operated on the frozen surface of designated lakes. These vehicles may be operated only from one-half hour before sunrise until 9 p.m., or as posted. Recommended ice thickness for vehicle use is eight inches. The designated lakes are, unless posted as closed:

- Bluestem
- Branched Oak
- Conestoga
- Olive Creek
- Pawnee
- Stagecoach
- Wagon Train
- Enders
- Medicine Creek
- Red Willow
- Swanson
- Box Butte
- Merritt
- Oliver
- Sherman
- Elwood
- Sutherland
- Calamus
- Fremont lakes
- Gallagher Canyon
- Johnson
- Maloney
- McConaughy
- Minatare
- Ogallala
- Lewis and Clark
- Louisville lakes
- Rockford
- Shell
- Summit
- Willow Creek
- Walgren
- Willow (Brown Co.)
- Big Alkali
- Cottonwood-Steverson
- Davis Creek Reservoir
- Harlan County

### TOURNAMENTS, CONTESTS AND DERBIES

**Registration** – All fishing tournaments, derbies or contests that require an entry fee, held on publicly owned, controlled or managed waters, must be registered with Game and Parks' Fisheries Division at least 45 days before the event. Download a registration form at [OutdoorNebraska.org](http://OutdoorNebraska.org).

**Denial** – An event may be denied if the date and location conflict with a previously approved event. Denial also may be based on safety concerns due to low water or anticipated heavy use that could result in boat ramp congestion.

**Special Conditions** – Game and Parks may impose special conditions for a fishing tournament, derby or contest if deemed necessary to protect the resource or to assure public safety. Special conditions may include aerated livewells, release of live fish, designated release areas, on-the-water measurements, and immediate release of fish with no on-shore weigh-in ceremony.

**Certificate** – A Fishing Tournament Approval Certificate must be present at the tournament site.

**Posted Dates** – The tournament dates will be listed at [OutdoorNebraska.org](http://OutdoorNebraska.org).

**Results** – A results form will be sent to the tournament director. This form must be completed and returned to the Fisheries Division within 30 days following the completion of the fishing tournament. Failure to return the completed form or provide the requested information will result in denial of future fishing-tournament requests for at least one year.

**Tagged Fish** – The use of tagged or otherwise marked fish is prohibited in any fishing tournament, derby or contest that is held on waters owned or controlled and stocked by Game and Parks during the preceding 24 months, excluding private lakes not owned by the state or other governmental entity.

## FISHING TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

Please print or type.

Organizer (club, sponsor or individual):

Organizer address:

Phone:

E-mail:

About the Tournament:

Location:

Dates:

Hours:

Tournament date may be denied due to conflict with previously approved event.

Species counted for tournament scoring:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
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6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

Disposition (please check one):

- Fish will be measured at boat and released  
 Weighed in and then released \*  
 Weighed in and then harvested \*  
 Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Awards will be based on (check one):

- Longest fish       Heaviest fish       Heaviest total catch  
 Combination of number and length of fish  
 Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

\* Tournament must follow all length and bag limit regulations for that specific water body. No culling or high-grading allowed.

Mail to:

Fisheries Division  
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission  
PO Box 30370  
Lincoln, NE 68503-0370

## FREE FISHING AND PARK ENTRY DAY

Free Fishing and Park Entry Day is May 18, 2013, and May 17, 2014. It is intended to attract those who no longer fish or who have never fished with an opportunity to do so without purchasing a permit. It is held on the Saturday before Memorial Day weekend. All bag and length limits are still in effect.

## AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES PREVENTION

**Definition of Aquatic Nuisance Species** – Any waterborne, non-native organism that threatens the diversity or abundance of native species, the ecological stability of impacted waters, or threatens a commercial, agricultural, aquacultural or recreational activity.

**Impact** – Nuisance species may cause significant ecological problems because they have been introduced into habitat in which there are no natural pathogens, parasites or predators. Lack of these natural controls in new habitat may allow a nuisance species to grow exponentially. Introduced nuisance species may prey upon or compete directly with native species and could transmit diseases to native species.

**Preventive Steps** – Anglers and boaters should take precautions to prevent the introduction or spread of nuisance species. This is especially important to boaters who travel to waters that have nuisance species not present in any Nebraska waters.

Follow these procedures:

- It is unlawful for a conveyance (boat) that has been on a waterbody to leave a launch area with water still present in any compartment, equipment, or container that may hold water. Drain water on site.
- It is unlawful for a conveyance (boat or trailer) to leave a launch area with any aquatic vegetation from that water body still attached.
- Wash mud off waders. Felt-sole wading boots are not allowed. Felt soles can stay damp for some time after wading and have been implicated in the spread of some aquatic nuisance species.
- Zebra and quagga mussels can survive up to two weeks out of water, so after boating in infested water and before launching your boat in a different waterbody, rinse boat and all equipment with hot tap water (more than 140 degrees F); spray boat and trailer with a high-pressure sprayer or dry boat and all equipment for at least five days. Vinegar can also be used to kill zebra mussels
- Run the water out of the lower unit.
- Clean, drain and dry your equipment.
- Game and Parks staff inspection of boats, trailers and all boating and fishing equipment may be required.

**List of Aquatic Nuisance Species** – Among the aquatic nuisance species of immediate concern to Nebraska are:

- Asian clam
- bighead carp
- curlyleaf pondweed
- Eurasian water milfoil
- quagga mussel
- New Zealand mud snail
- phragmites
- purple loosestrife
- rusty crayfish
- salt cedar
- silver carp
- snakehead
- spiny water flea
- viral hemorrhagic septicemia (disease)
- white perch
- zebra mussel

For more information on aquatic nuisance species, go to [snr.unl.edu/invasives](http://snr.unl.edu/invasives).

## FISH KILL REPORTS

To make it easier to determine the cause, promptly report dead or dying fish to a conservation officer, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission district office, or the 24-hour Nebraska State Patrol pollution complaint number at 402-471-4545.

## POLLUTION

Keep the water safe and clean for future fishing. Report dumping or pollution activities to the Environmental Protection Agency toll-free at 800-223-0425.

## LAKE MAPPING

Lake contour maps are available at [OutdoorNebraska.org](http://OutdoorNebraska.org).

## FAMILY FISHING NIGHTS EXPANDED

Nebraska's Youth Fishing Program is sponsoring Family Fishing Nights at lakes in the Lincoln and Omaha areas, as well as other cities across the state. Rods and reels, as well as bait and fishing instruction are available to participants. This is an opportunity for people who have never fished or have not fished in years. Appropriate fishing and park permits are required. All events are from 6-8:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Visit [OutdoorNebraska.org](http://OutdoorNebraska.org) for a list of Family Fishing Nights.

## Need a place to Hunt and Fish?

### OPEN FIELDS AND WATERS

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— GAME & PARKS —

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## STATE RECORDS AND MASTER ANGLER AWARDS

If you make an outstanding catch, it may qualify for either a Nebraska Game and Parks Commission State Record or a Master Angler Award.

Application forms are available from:

- Game and Parks offices
- conservation officers
- permit vendors
- this guide
- [OutdoorNebraska.org](http://OutdoorNebraska.org)

### STATE RECORD RULES

- Fish must be caught in accordance with Nebraska fishing regulations by rod and reel, underwater spear-fishing, surface spearing, or archery and must be taken from Nebraska waters.
- Fish must be weighed on an accredited or certified scale. A commercial measuring tape or stick should be used to measure the fish.
- Only fish that exceed the current record by at least one ounce are eligible for a state record.
- Two witnesses, one of which must be a permanent employee of Game and Parks, must witness the weighing and measuring of the fish and sign the application.
- The angler must display a Nebraska fishing permit to the Game and Parks employee that witnesses the weight.
- One clear photograph showing a close-up side view of the fish and one clear photograph showing the angler with the fish must accompany the completed application. All photographs become the property of the Game and Parks.
- A Game and Parks fisheries biologist must verify the species of fish, and the fish must be preserved flat until the species is verified.
- Game and Parks may collect fish scales, tissue or spine samples to check fish identification and to refuse any questionable application.
- Game and Parks may revoke a state record if the record holder is found in possession of illegal fishing gear or has been cited for repeated fishing violations that cast suspicion on the authenticity of the record catch.
- No fish caught from any aquaculture or commercial put-and-take facility is eligible.
- Applications must be submitted within 30 days of the date the fish was caught.

### MASTER ANGLER RULES

- All fish must be taken from Nebraska waters.
- If a fish is caught from private waters, a valid fishing permit is required to receive the award.
- Fish must be taken by hook-and-line, not bank lines or set lines.
- Fish must be legally hooked, played and landed by the applicant.
- The catch must be verified by a Game and Parks employee, a permit vendor, a witness, or a photograph.

- Anglers 16 years of age or older must possess a valid Nebraska fishing permit and enter the permit number on the application.
- **Only fish immediately released are eligible for an award based on length.** Any fish kept in a livewell or on a stringer must meet the minimum weight requirement.
- Anglers may receive only one award based on weight per year for each species. Catch-and-release awards are unlimited.
- Anglers who release a Master Angler fish will receive a Catch and Release Master Angler pin in addition to the Master Angler certificate.

### Master Angler/State Record Application

Please print legibly. See rules.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Fishing Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_ Under 16

Species of fish \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs. \_\_\_\_\_ oz. Length: \_\_\_\_\_ in.

Date caught \_\_\_\_\_ Released:  Yes  No

Name of lake or stream \_\_\_\_\_ County where located \_\_\_\_\_

Method of fishing:  Rod and Reel  Archery  Surface spearfishing  
 Underwater spearfishing

Type of bait or lure \_\_\_\_\_

Where weighed or measured \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

#### Weight or length witnessed by:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Address

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Address

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public (for State Record only)

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Game and Parks official species verification.  
Species may be verified after State Record application is received.

Mail to: Fisheries Division, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission  
PO Box 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503-0370



SPECIES	MASTER ANGLER		STATE RECORDS			
	(Minimums) lbs. OR in.		Rod and Reel	Bow and Arrow	Underwater Powered Spearfishing	Surface Spearfishing
New state records denoted in bold.						
Alewife	—	—	3.5 oz.	—	3 oz.	—
Largemouth Bass	5	20	10 lbs. 11 oz.	8 lbs. 14 oz.	7 lbs. 4 oz.	—
<b>Rock Bass</b>	1	11	2 lbs. 4 oz.	1 lb. 6 oz.	<b>1 lbs. 7 oz.</b>	—
Smallmouth Bass	3	18	7 lbs. 4 oz.	3 lbs 5 oz.	5 lbs. 12.5 oz.	—
Spotted Bass	3	18	3 lbs. 12 oz.	2 lbs. 6 oz.	2 lbs. 12.5 oz.	—
Striped Bass	10	32	64 lbs. 15 oz.	8 lbs. 5 oz.	26 lbs. 15.5 oz.	—
Striper Hybrid	8	24	20 lbs. 1 oz.	8 lbs. 12 oz.	12 lbs.	—
White Bass	2.5	17	5 lbs.	3 lbs.	<b>2 lbs. 5 oz.</b>	—
Yellow Bass	—	—	1 lb. 7 oz.	—	—	—
Bowfin	—	—	8 lbs.	—	—	—
<b>Bigmouth Buffalo</b>	10	26	64 lbs.	<b>55 lbs.</b>	<b>26 lbs. 5 oz.</b>	33 lbs. 3 oz.
Black Buffalo	10	26	41 lbs.	6 lbs. 7 oz.	27 lbs.	—
Smallmouth Buffalo	10	26	56 lbs. 3 oz.	60 lbs. 2 oz.	13 lbs. 4 oz.	12 lbs. 7 oz.
Bullhead	2	15	—	1 lb. 11 oz.	—	—
Black Bullhead	2	15	3 lbs. 15 oz.	—	1 lb. 12 oz.	—
Burbot	1	16	6 lbs. 9 oz.	—	—	—
<b>Bighead Carp</b>	—	—	53 lbs. 3 oz.	<b>79 lbs. 6 oz.</b>	—	67 lbs.
<b>Common Carp</b>	15	32	33 lbs. 12 oz.	50lbs 5 oz..	37 lbs. 14 oz.	<b>33 lbs. 2 oz.</b>
<b>Grass Carp</b>	—	—	64 lbs.	67 lbs. 14 oz.	<b>49 lbs. 11 oz.</b>	25 lbs. 4 oz.
Hybrid Grass Carp	—	—	—	43 lbs. 3 oz.	—	—
<b>Silver Carp</b>	—	—	—	<b>38 lbs. 10 oz.</b>	—	—
<b>Quillback Carpsucker</b>	—	—	13 lbs. 10 oz.	11 lbs. 2 oz.	6 lbs. 6 oz.	<b>2 lbs. 12 oz.</b>
<b>River Carpsucker</b>	—	—	13 lbs. 4 oz.	<b>15 lbs. 12 oz.</b>	12 lbs. 2 oz.	<b>6 lbs. 3 oz.</b>
Channel Catfish	12	30	41 lbs. 8 oz.	31 lbs. 13 oz.	25 lbs. 10 oz.	—
Flathead Catfish	15	32	80 lbs.	52 lbs. 8 oz.	32 lbs. 5 oz.	—
Blue Catfish	30	40	100 lbs. 8 oz.	—	—	—
Stonecat	—	—	5.2 oz.	—	—	—
<b>Creek Chub</b>	—	—	9.5 oz.	3 oz.	4 oz.	—
Black Crappie	2	15	4 lbs. 8 oz.	1 lbs. 14 oz.	2 lbs. 5 oz.	—
White Crappie	2	15	4 lbs. 1 oz.	2 lbs. 13 oz.	1 lb.	—
<b>Freshwater Drum</b>	5	22	29 lbs. 6 oz.	22 lbs. 13 oz.	<b>17 lbs. 4 oz.</b>	—
American Eel	1	24	5 lbs.	—	—	—
<b>Longnose gar</b>	8	40	20 lbs. 7 oz.	22 lbs. 13 oz.	<b>13 lbs. 9 oz.</b>	20 lbs. 15 oz.
<b>Shortnose gar</b>	3	26	<b>7 lbs. 5 oz.</b>	7 lbs. 8 oz.	<b>5 lbs. 4 oz.</b>	3 lbs. 15 oz.
Spotted gar	3	26	4 lbs. 8 oz.	3 lbs. 2 oz.	—	5 lbs.
Goldeye	1.5	16	3 lbs. 15.5 oz.	2 lbs. 1 oz.	1 lb. 5.5 oz.	—

SPECIES	MASTER ANGLER		STATE RECORDS			
	(Minimums) lbs. OR in.		Rod and Reel	Bow and Arrow	Underwater Powered Spearfishing	Surface Spearfishing
New state records denoted in bold.						
<b>Goldfish</b>	—	—	<b>4 lbs. 3 oz.</b>	<b>4 lbs. 8 oz.</b>	—	—
Skipjack Herring	—	—	2 lbs.	—	—	—
Muskellunge	15	40	41 lbs. 8 oz.	17 lbs. 10 oz.	—	—
Tiger Muskellunge	15	40	33 lbs. 5 oz.	13 lbs. 14 oz.	13 lbs. 9 oz.	—
<b>Paddlefish **</b>	50	45	<b>107 lbs. 3 oz.</b>	86 lbs.	—	—
Sacramento Perch	—	—	2 lbs. 8 oz.	—	—	—
White Perch	1	12	2 lbs. 6 oz.	1 lb. 11 oz.	4 oz.	—
<b>Yellow Perch</b>	1.25	13	2 lbs. 10.75 oz.	1 lb. 2 oz.	<b>1 lbs. 14 oz.</b>	—
Grass Pickerel	—	—	5.75 oz.	—	—	—
Northern Pike	10	36	30 lbs. 1 oz.	21 lbs. 14 oz.	20 lbs. 5 oz.	—
<b>European Rudd</b>	—	—	2 lbs. 12 oz.	<b>3 lbs. 7 oz.</b>	<b>3 lbs. 3 oz.</b>	—
<b>Chinook Salmon</b>	—	—	<b>7 lbs. 5 oz.</b>	—	—	—
Coho Salmon	—	—	5 lbs. 12 oz.	—	—	—
Kokanee Salmon	—	—	4 lbs. 2 oz.	—	4 lbs. 2 oz.	—
<b>Sauger</b>	3	21	8 lbs. 5 oz.	<b>3 lbs. 8 oz.</b>	—	—
Saugeye	5	23	8 lbs. 14 oz.	—	—	—
Gizzard Shad	—	—	4 lbs. 7.75 oz.	5 lbs. 5 oz.	3 lbs. 3 oz.	2 lbs. 2 oz.
Golden Shiner	—	—	14 oz.	—	3 oz.	—
<b>Shovelnose Sturgeon</b>	2.5	28	<b>4 lbs. 8 oz.</b>	—	—	—
Sucker	2	18	9 lbs.	—	3 lbs. 1 oz.	—
Longnose Sucker	2	18	2 lbs. 9 oz.	—	—	—
Blue Sucker	2	18	18 lbs. 14 oz.	9 lbs. 2 oz.	—	—
Shorthead Redhorse	2	18	2 lbs. 12 oz.	3 lbs. 2 oz.	2 lbs. 9.5 oz.	—
<b>White Sucker</b>	2	18	<b>6 lbs. 1 oz.</b>	5 lbs. 13 oz.	<b>4 lbs. 13 oz.</b>	2 lbs. 5 oz.
<b>Bluegill</b>	1	10	2 lbs. 13 oz.	1 lb. 6 oz.	<b>1 lb.</b>	—
Green Sunfish	1	10	1 lb. 8 oz.	9.6 oz.	9.9 oz.	—
<b>Hybrid Sunfish</b>	1	10	1 lb. 15 oz.	9.9 oz.	1 lb.	—
Orangespotted Sunfish	1	10	3 oz.	0.5 oz.	0.45 oz.	—
Pumpkinseed	1	10	11.25 oz.	—	5.5 oz.	—
<b>Redear Sunfish</b>	1	10	1 lb. 10 oz.	<b>1 lb. 1 oz.</b>	1 lb. 4 oz.	—
<b>Brook Trout</b>	1	14	5 lbs. 1 oz.	<b>7 oz.</b>	—	—
Brown Trout	4	22	20 lbs. 1 oz.	9 lbs. 13 oz.	5 lbs. 5 oz.	—
Cutthroat Trout	3	20	5 lbs. 7 oz.	2 lbs. 3 oz.	—	—
Rainbow Trout	5	23	14 lbs. 2 oz.	11 lbs.	3 lbs. 9 oz.	—
Tiger Trout	—	—	6 oz.	—	—	—
Walleye	8	28	16 lbs. 2 oz.	11 lbs. 1 oz.	13 lbs. 11 oz.	—

## PUBLIC FISHING AREAS

These are areas open to the public to fish. They include Nebraska Game and Parks Commission-owned or leased state recreation areas (SRA, NGPC park permit required), wildlife management areas (WMA), as well as federal, Corp of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, power and irrigation, cities and leased private waters.

### HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Lakes, rivers and streams are listed alphabetically within each of the following fisheries management districts: northwest, northeast, southwest and southeast.

### FAMILY FRIENDLY LAKES (FFL)

The areas denoted with FFL are designated as Family Friendly Lakes. These lakes identified as being safe, comfortable and having great fish-catching potential. These locations have a combination of barrier-free fishing piers, fishing trails, groomed park areas, concessions, playgrounds, picnic areas, and highly maintained fish populations. Contact the nearest fisheries supervisor for details and to discover what fish are biting.

### ABBREVIATIONS OF FISH SPECIES

This list contains abbreviations used for fish species denoted in the public fishing areas.

BBH	Bullhead	MUE	Muskellunge
BCF	Blue Catfish	NOP	Northern Pike
BKT	Brook Trout	PAH	Paddlefish
BLG	Bluegill	RBT	Rainbow Trout
BNT	Brown Trout	ROB	Rock Bass
BUF	Buffalo	RSF	Redear Sunfish
CAP	Common Carp	SAR	Sauger
CCF	Channel Catfish	SMB	Smallmouth Bass
CRP	Crappie	SNS	Shovelnose Sturgeon
FCF	Flathead Catfish	SPB	Spotted Bass
FRD	Freshwater Drum	WAE	Walleye
GOE	Goldeye	WHB	White Bass
GRC	Grass Carp	WHP	White Perch
GRP	Grass Pickerel	WIP	Striped Bass Hybrid (wiper)
GSF	Green Sunfish	YEB	Yellow Bass
HSF	Sunfish Hybrid	YEP	Yellow Perch
LMB	Largemouth Bass		

## NORTHWEST

District Supervisor: Al Hanson 308-763-2940

<sup>FFL</sup>**Bessey Fish Pond (Thomas)** - 3 acres, 1W, 1/4S of Halsey - Nebraska National Forest. Camping. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT. No motorized boating. Fishing deck. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

**Big Alkali WMA (Cherry)** - 842 acres, 16S, 4W, 1 1/2 S of Valentine. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, YEP. All boats allowed, ramp, camping, fishing camp. Snowmobiles and ATVs allowed on ice.

**Big Springs City Pond (Deuel)** - 0.5 acres, North end of Elm St.. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length.

**Blue Lake (Garden)** - 311 acre, 22N of Oshkosh. BLG, CRP, SMB, YEP, LMB. Access via primitive 2.7-mile access trail on private property (no snow removal) - open daylight hours only, no camping, no hunting, no ATVs or horses, no fires, no littering, only four-wheel drive vehicles allowed (MANDATORY). Area closed to access during the nine-day November firearm deer season. Access to the lake made possible through a lease agreement with the private landowner, so please follow the rules. Close all gates. Trespassers off marked trail and parking lot will be prosecuted. Small boats recommended, primitive boat launch, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Trail and lake may be closed seasonally due to wet or very dry conditions. Questions for conditions call 308-763-2940.

**Boardman Creek (Cherry)** - 35SW of Valentine. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.

**Bourdeaux Creek (Dawes)** - SE of Chadron. BKT, BNT. Public access on Big Bourdeaux Creek WMA and U.S. Forest Service lands.

**Box Butte Reservoir SRA (Dawes)** - 1,600 acres, 10N of Hemingford. BCF, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, ROB, SMB, WAE, YEP. Northern pike - protected slot limit of 28 to 34 inches, daily bag limit of 10, only one of which may be more than 34 inches, possession limit of 20. Subject to severe summer drawdown; primitive camping and electrical hook-ups are available, all boats allowed. Underwater spearfishing for gamefish starts June 1.

<sup>FFL</sup>**Bridgeport SRA (Morrill)** - 78 acres in five lakes, NW edge of Bridgeport. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT, WAE, WIP, YEP. Primitive camping; all boats allowed on the middle pit, all other pits restricted to electric motor and non-powered boats. Rainbow trout stocked in NW lake. Wipers stocked in middle lake.

<sup>FFL</sup>**Carter P. Johnson Lake (Sioux)** - 15 acres, Fort Robinson SP. Cabins and camping. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT, ROB. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed, wheelchair-accessible pier.

<sup>FFL</sup>**Chadron City Reservoirs (Dawes)** - 20 acres in two ponds, 5 1/2S of Chadron. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT, YEP. Non-powered boats allowed.

**Chadron Creek (Dawes)** - S of Chadron. BKT, BNT. Public access at Chadron SP, otherwise private access, permission required.

<sup>FFL</sup>**Chadron State Park Pond (Dawes)** - 2 acres, 9S of Chadron. RBT. Motor boats not allowed; wheelchair-accessible deck. Cabins and camping.

**FEL-Chappell Interstate Lake (Deuel)** - 30 acres, 1/2S of Chappell, I-80 Exit 85 - Wheatland Drive. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, YEP.

**Cherry Creek Diversion Pond (Dawes)** - 0.25 acres, 100 yards SW from Cherry Creek Pond at Fort Robinson SP. LMB, RBT.

**Cherry Creek Pond (Dawes)** - 2 acres, Fort Robinson SP. BLG, LMB.

**Clear Lake (Cherry)** - 425 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge H.Q. BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, NOP, YEP. Northern pike - 28-inch maximum length. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed. Boat ramp. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing.

**Cottonwood Lake SRA (Cherry)** - 34 acres, 1/2 E, 1/2 S of Merriman. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, YEP. Primitive camping; aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing, all boats allowed.

**Cottonwood-Steverson Lake WMA (Cherry)** - 680 acres, 30N, 2E of Hyannis. BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, MUE, WAE, YEP. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Snowmobiles and ATVs allowed on ice.

**Crane Lake (Garden)** - 128 acres, Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 22 N of Oshkosh. YEP. Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. No camping. Open to fishing Nov. 1 - Feb. 15. Fishing allowed during daylight hours only. Fisherman must be off the lake no later than one hour after sunset. No boats or float tubes allowed. Limited fishing opportunity due to winterkill.

**Crescent Lake WMA (Garden)** - 982 acres, 22N of Oshkosh. BLG, CRP, LMB, YEP. Access via a primitive access trail to a parking area. Concrete boat ramp, 5 mph (no wake). Primitive camping, wildlife management area rules apply.

**Defair Lake WMA (Grant)** - 70 acres, 1E, 2S, 1/2E of Hyannis. YEP. Shallow lake, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Boat access difficult.

**Dewey Lake (Cherry)** - 550 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge H.Q. BLG, CAP, LMB, NOP, YEP. Northern pike - 28-inch maximum length. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping allowed. Electric motor and non-powered boats. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing.

**Dry Sheep Creek (Sioux)** - NW of Morrill. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.

**Dry Spotted Tail Creek (Sioux)** - NW of Mitchell. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.

**Duck Lake (Cherry)** - 66 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge H.Q. BBH, BLG, LMB, YEP. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing.

**East Hyannis Lake (Avocet WMA) (Grant)** - 120 acres, 1E of Hyannis. YEP. Shallow lake, aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). No boat ramp.

**Fairfield Creek (Cherry)** - 8N, 2E of Wood Lake to forks or 2 1/2 W of Norden Rd. on S side of Niobrara River to mouth of creek. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required, vehicle access difficult, most areas accessible by long hike.

**Frye Lake WMA (Grant)** - 243 acres, 1N, 1 1/2 E of Hyannis. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE, YEP. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Gilbert-Baker Pond (Sioux)** - 2 acres, 10 N of Harrison. BLG, LMB, RBT. Located on the east portion of Gilbert-Baker WMA.

**Goldeneye (Deuel)** - 17 acres, 1S, 3W of Big Springs. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, YEP. South Platte NRD area.

**FEL-Grabel Ponds (Dawes)** - 6 acres in four ponds, Fort Robinson SP. Cabins and camping. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT, ROB.

**Greenwood Creek (Morrill)** - SE of Bridgeport. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.

**Hackberry Lake (Cherry)** - 680 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge H.Q. BLG, LMB, NOP, YEP. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping allowed. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing. Concrete boat ramp.

**Hat Creek (Sioux)** - NE of Harrison. BKT, BNT. Private access, permission required.

**Home Valley Lake (Cherry)** - 220 acres, 30N, 2 1/2E, 1N of Hyannis. BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, WAE, YEP. Part of the Cottonwood-Steverson WMA. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) - portage route from Cottonwood-Steverson Lake. Snowmobiles and ATVs allowed on ice. Access to the north side of lake via private property, permission is required.

**Hudson Lake (Cherry)** - 160 acres, 15S, 8W, 1N of Valentine. BBH, BLG, GSF, LMB, YEP. Private lake, open to the public for daytime, ice-fishing only.

**Ice House Ponds (Dawes)** - 6 acres in three ponds, Fort Robinson SP. Cabins and camping. BLG, LMB.

**Isham Dam (Sheridan)** - 26 acres, NW of Hay Springs. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, YEP. Private lake, permission required; all boats allowed.

**Island Lake (Garden)** - 711 acres, Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 22N of Oshkosh. BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, YEP. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. No camping; electric motor and non-powered boats allowed; area open one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.

**FEL-Laing Lake (Box Butte)** - 10 acres, Alliance, W. 18th St. and Box Butte Ave. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass--21-inch minimum length.

**Lake Minatare SRA (Scotts Bluff)** - 2,100 acres, 12NE of Scottsbluff. BCF, CCF, CRP, LMB, SMB, WAE, WHB, WIP, YEP. Waters within 150 feet of the dam are closed to fishing from sunset to sunrise March 1 through April 30. Camping; all boats allowed; closed Oct. 15-Jan. 14 or as posted. Subject to severe drawdowns.

**Lake Winters Creek (Scotts Bluff)** - 235 acres, N of Minatare. BLG, CCF, LMB, NOP, SMB, WAE, YEP. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed; closed Oct. 15-Jan. 14, or as posted. Area is open sunrise to sunset only. Subject to severe drawdowns.

**Larabee Creek (Sheridan)** - N of Rushville. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.

**Lord Lake (Cherry)** - 15 acres, 9W of Merritt Reservoir, on McKelvie National Forest. BLG, CRP, LMB, YEP.

**Merritt Reservoir SRA/WMA (Cherry)** - 2,900 acres, 26SW of Valentine. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FRD, LMB, MUE, NOP, SMB, WAE, WHB. Walleye - daily bag limit of four may include one walleye from 15 through 18 inches and three over 18 inches or four over 18 inches but no more than one over 22 inches in length allowed in the daily bag. All boats allowed. Modern and primitive camping.

**Middle Loup River (Thomas)** - BNT, CAP, CCF, RBT. Private access, permission required.

**Minnechadua Creek (Cherry)** - Valentine, below hatchery supply and in Valentine City Park. RBT. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

**Monroe Creek (Sioux)** - 4 1/2N of Harrison. BKT. Public access on Gilbert-Baker WMA, otherwise private access, permission required.

**Morrill Sandpits (Scotts Bluff)** - 25 acres in three lakes, 3S of Morrill. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT, YEP. County owned, permission required, check with the City of Morrill. No boating or camping allowed.

**Nine Mile Creek (Scotts Bluff)** - BNT, RBT. Public access at Nine Mile Creek WMA 3E, 5N of Minatare. Walk-in access SE of WMA and 2N 1E of Minatare, otherwise permission required.

**Niobrara River (Sioux)** - BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required. Extremely low water in summer. Public access on Agate Fossil Beds National Monument.

**North Loup River (Cherry)** - BNT, CAP, CCF, RBT. Private access, permission required.

**Oliver Reservoir SRA (Kimball)** - 270 acres, 10W of Kimball. CAP, CCF, CRP, WAE. Primitive camping, all boats allowed, wheelchair-accessible pier. Subject to low water.

**Pelican Lake (Cherry)** - 798 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge H.Q. BBH, BLG, CAP, LMB, NOP, YEP. Northern pike - 28-inch maximum length. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing.

**Pine Creek (Sheridan)** - 20S of Rushville. BNT. Private access, permission required.

**Rat and Beaver WMA (Cherry)** - 450 acres in two lakes, 30S, 7W of Valentine. BBH, BLG, CAP, CRP, NOP, YEP. Primitive boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Scheduled for fish renovation in 2013.

**Red Willow Creek (Morrill)** - E of Bayard. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.

**Schlagel Creek WMA (Schlagel Creek) (Cherry)** - 16S, 4W, 4N of Valentine. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required except on Schlagel Creek WMA.

**Schoolhouse Lake (Cherry)** - 105 acres, 24S of Nenzel. BBH, BLG, CRP, LMB, YEP. Private access, permission required.

**Sheep Creek (Sioux)** - NW of Morrill. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.

**Shell Lake WMA (Cherry)** - 160 acres, 3N, 4E, 8N of Gordon. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, YEP. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Snowmobiles and ATVs allowed on ice.

**Sidney Legion Park Pond (Cheyenne)** - 1.75 acres, City of Sidney. BLG, CCF, LMB.

**Silvernail Drain (Morrill)** - E of Northport. BNT. Private access, permission required.

**Smith Lake (Garden)** - 225 acres, Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 26N of Oshkosh. BLG, CRP, LMB, YEP. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping. Open to fishing Nov. 1-Feb. 15. Fishing allowed during daylight hours only. Fisherman must be off the lake no later than one hour after sunset. No boats or float tubes allowed.

**Smith Lake WMA (Sheridan)** - 290 acres, 23S of Rushville. BBH, BLG, CRP, LMB, NOP, YEP. Primitive camping, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Handicap accessible concrete boat ramp.

**Snake River (Upper Reach) (Cherry)** - near Gordon. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.

**Soldier Creek (Dawes)** - 3W of Crawford. BKT, BNT, RBT. Public access at Fort Robinson SP and Soldier Creek Wilderness Area.

**Sowbelly Creek (Sioux)** - NE of Harrison. BKT, BNT. Private access, permission required.

**Spotted Tail Creek (Scotts Bluff)** - NW of Mitchell. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.

**Stuckenhole Creek (Scotts Bluff)** - W of Bayard. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.

<sup>FPL</sup>**Terry's Pit (Scotts Bluff)** - 7 acres, Terrytown. CCF, LMB, RBT.

**Tub Springs (Sioux)** - NE of Mitchell. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.

<sup>FPL</sup>**Valentine Mill Pond (Cherry)** - 20 acres, north edge of Valentine. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB.

<sup>FPL</sup>**Walgren Lake SRA (Sheridan)** - 100 acres, 5SE of Hay Springs. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, WAE, YEP. Primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) - wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

**Watts Lake (Cherry)** - 230 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge HQ. BLG, CAP, LMB, NOP, YEP. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping allowed. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing.

**West Long Lake (Cherry)** - 62 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to H.Q. BLG, LMB, NOP, YEP. Northern pike - 28-inch maximum length. Possession of baitfish is prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping allowed. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Dense vegetation in summer. Concrete boat ramp.

**White Clay Creek (Sheridan)** - NW of Rushville. BNT. Private access, permission required.

**White River (Dawes)** - W of Fort Robinson SP. Cabins and camping. BNT, CUT, RBT. Public access at Fort Robinson SP, otherwise private access, permission required.

**Whitney Lake (Dawes)** - 900 acres, 1 1/2W of Whitney. CCF, CRP, WAE, WHB, YEP. Private irrigation reservoir, access limited. Subject to drawdowns. Public boat ramp on SE corner of the lake.

**Wildhorse Creek (Morrill)** - N of Bayard. BNT. Private access, permission required.

**Winters Creek (Scotts Bluff)** - NE of Scottsbluff. BNT, RBT. Private access, permission required.

**Wood Reserve Ponds (Dawes)** - 2 acres in four ponds, Soldier Creek Wilderness Area, Fort Robinson SP. RBT. Access via 1-mile hike up the middle branch of Soldier Creek.

## **NORTHEAST**

**District Supervisor: Jeff Schuckman 402-370-3374**

**Atkinson Dam (Holt)** - 5 acres, 1/2 W of Atkinson. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB, NOP. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Primitive camping, electrical hookups. Elkhorn River access. Managed by the city.

<sup>FEL</sup>**Auble Pond (Valley)** - 5 acres, Bussell Park Rd. and G St., Ord. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

**Bazile Creek WMA (Missouri River) (Knox)** - 4E, 1 1/2N of Niobrara, river mile 838.8. CAP, CCF, FCF, NOP, SAR, SMB, WAE. Walleye and sauger - 15-inch minimum length. Gravel road to ramp gets muddy with heavy rains, ramp subject to flooding.

**Black Island WMA (Elkhorn River) (Cuming)** - 2 1/2E of Pilger on county road. CAP, CCF, FCF. Primitive camping.

**Bobcat WMA (Plum Creek) (Brown)** - 12 N, 1 W of Ainsworth. BNT, RBT. Walk-in access to bottom of canyon, primitive camping.

**Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge (Washington)** - 3 1/2E of Fort Calhoun. Restored channel off the Missouri River. CAP, CCF, FCF. Ice fishing is not allowed. No more than two lines with two hooks on each line maybe used. Set lines are prohibited. Archery and spearfishing are permitted for rough fish only. Digging or seining for bait is prohibited. Collecting and/or possession of frogs, toads, turtles and clams are prohibited. All watercraft are prohibited in the Boyer Chute waterway. Check with refuge for additional regulations. Open a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset.

**Brooky Bottom Park (Missouri River) (Cedar)** - 4NE of Wynot, river mile 784.9. CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, PAH, SAR, WAE. Concrete boat ramp.

**Buckskin Hills Lake WMA (Dixon)** - 75 acres, 2W, 3S, 1/2W of Newcastle. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by Lewis and Clark NRD.

**Burwell Lake (Ladybird) (Garfield)** - 3 acres, 1E of Burwell. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB.

**Calamus Reservoir SRA (Loup)** - 5,200 acres, 2W, 5NW of Burwell. CAP, CCF, CRP, MUE, NOP, WAE, WHB, WIP, YEP. Walleye - daily bag limit of four may include one walleye from 15 through 18 inches and three over 18 inches or four over 18 inches, but no more than one walleye over 22 inches in length allowed in the daily bag. Modern/ primitive camping; boating on upper lake restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Fish-cleaning stations at Homestead Knolls and Nunda Shoals. Calamus River access west of Nebraska Hwy. 96, above reservoir and below dam.

**Calamus River (Loup)** - Brown County and Loup County. CAP, CCF, NOP. Private access, permission required; public access on Calamus WMA above and below reservoir, canoe sites and camping.

**Carney Pond (Holt)** - 2.5 acres, 1/2 S O'Neill on Hwy. 281. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB.

**Chalkrock Lake WMA (Cedar)** - 44 acres, 5N, 1 1/2E of U.S. Hwy. 81 and Nebraska Hwy. 12 junction. BLG, CCF, LMB. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

<sup>FEL</sup>**Columbus Hospital Pond (Platte)** - 9 acres, Columbus, 38th St. and 41st Ave. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Handicap-accessible deck. City developing park facilities around this new lake.

<sup>FEL</sup>**Cottonwood Lake (Lake Yankton) (Cedar)** - 250 acres, Below Gavins Point Dam, north side of river. Camping. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, WAE. Largemouth bass - 15-inch minimum length. Border water area with South Dakota, open to Nebraska permit holders. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed. Fish-cleaning station SW corner of lake.

**Cozad Lake (South Pine WMA) (Brown)** - 80 acres, 11S, 2W of Long Pine. BLG, LMB, YEP. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Crystal Cove Lake (Dakota)** - 30 acres, NE of U.S. Hwy. 20 and U.S. Hwy. 77 intersection in South Sioux City, entrance on W. 39th St.. BLG, CCF, LMB, NOP, RBT. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed, wheelchair-accessible pier. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

**Cub Creek Lake (Keya Paha)** - 27 acres, 8 1/2 W of Springview. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, YEP. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed; primitive camping; NRD-owned lake.

**Davis Creek Reservoir (Valley)** - 1,145 acres, 5S, 1E of North Loup. BBH, BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, WAE, WHB, WIP, YEP. Concrete boat ramp. Camping. Water level fluctuates due to irrigation.

**Dead Timber SRA (Dodge)** - 20 acres, 5NW, 1 1/2E of Scribner. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed. No boat ramp, limited facilities.

**Decatur Boat Ramp (Missouri River) (Burt)** - South of Nebraska Hwy. 51 bridge. CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD.

**DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge (Washington)** - 760 acres, 6E of Blair on U.S. Hwy. 30. Refuge entrance fee permit required. BLG, BUF, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE, WHB. Walleye - 15-inch minimum length; Largemouth bass - 15-inch minimum length. All anglers shall abide by the regulations of the state in which they are licensed, either Nebraska or Iowa. Check with refuge for additional regulations. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Open early January through late February for ice-fishing; no more than two lines with two hooks per line can be used including ice fishing in DeSoto NWR Lake. Open April 15 - Oct. 14 for open-water fishing. Open a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset.

**Dismal River (Blaine)** - BNT, CAP, CCF, RBT. Private access, permission required.

**Dry Creek WMA (Elkhorn River) (Holt)** - 1 1/2SE of O'Neill. CAP, CCF. Elkhorn River access, primitive camping.

**East Branch Verdigre Creek (Grove Lake WMA) (Antelope)** - NE of Royal above Grove Lake. BNT, RBT. Public access available as posted, rainbow trout stocked on weekly basis.

**Fred Thomas WMA (Niobrara River) (Brown)** - 11 N of Bassett. CAP, CCF. Walk-in access, primitive camping.

<sup>FPL</sup>**Fremont Lakes SRA (Dodge)** - 280 acres in 19 lakes, 3W of Fremont. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, MUE. Catchable bullheads stocked into lake number 3. Wipers stocked into lake number 5. Muskellunge stocked in lake number 20. Trout seasonally stocked in lake number 2. Fremont Lakes 7, 8, 9, 13 and 16 renovated in 2012. Gas-powered boating on Victory Lake and Lake No. 20 only, all other lakes electric motor and non-powered boats allowed. Modern and primitive camping.

**Gavins Point Dam Tailwaters (Missouri River) (Cedar)** - 1S, 4W of Yankton, S.D. BUF, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, GOE, PAH, SAR, SMB, WAE, WHB. Paddlefish - see paddlefish section of guide for regulations. All boats allowed; wheelchair-accessible deck. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) in tailwaters. Fish-cleaning stations available (north and south sides). From Gavins Point Dam to 0.6 miles downstream, a nonresident Nebraska fishing license is required of anglers who are not residents of Nebraska or South Dakota when fishing from a boat or either bank.

**George Syas WMA (Loup River) (Platte)** - 2S, 1 1/2E of Genoa. CAP, CCF. Primitive camping.

**Goose Lake (Holt)** - 237 acres, 18N, 5E of Bartlett. BLG, LMB, NOP, YEP. Northern pike - 28- to 34-inch protected slot limit. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Snow mobiles and ATVs allowed on ice.

**Gracie Creek (Loup)** - N side of Calamus Reservoir. RBT. Private access except for approximately 200 yards upstream of Gracie Creek pond, permission required on private land.

<sup>FPL</sup>**Gracie Creek Pond (Loup)** - 2 acres, N side of Calamus Reservoir-12N, 4E of Taylor. CAP, RBT. Put-and-take trout stocking, electric motor and non-powered boats allowed, wheelchair-accessible deck. Modern and primitive camping. No boat ramp.

**Grove Lake (Antelope)** - 50 acres, 2N of Royal. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, RBT. Northern pike - 30-inch minimum length. Primitive camping allowed. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

**Hackberry Creek WMA (Elkhorn River) (Antelope)** - 1 1/2E, 1/2N of Clearwater. CAP, CCF, FCF.

**Hooper City Lake (Dodge)** - 4 acres, N edge of Hooper on Main St.. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length.

**Hull Lake WMA (Boyd)** - 6 acres, 1/2 W, 2S 1W 1 1/4 S of Butte. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

<sup>FPL</sup>**Johnson Park Lake (Dodge)** - 10 acres, 1 E of Fremont. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Paved boat ramp, electric motor and non-powered boats allowed.

<sup>FPL</sup>**Keller Park SRA (Brown)** - 7 acres in 5 ponds, 11S of Springview. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Pond Nos. 4 and 5 have catchable trout. Access to Bone Creek. Primitive camping. No motor boats allowed.

**Keller School Land WMA (Bone Creek) (Brown)** - 3W, 9N, 1 1/4W, 1S of Long Pine. BNT, RBT. Primitive camping.

**Kent Diversion Dam (North Loup River) (Loup)** - 5 1/2E of Taylor. CAP, CCF. Primitive camping.

**Lake Babcock (Platte)** - 600 acres, 1W, 3N of Columbus. BBH, CAP, CCF, FCF. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). May be closed to boating during waterfowl season. Shallow lake, owned by Loup Public Power.

**Lake Ericson (Wheeler)** - 70 acres, 1/2S of Ericson. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) - boat ramp in NW corner. Lake and dam managed by Lake Ericson Corporation.

**Lake North (Platte)** - 200 acres, 3N of Columbus. CAP, CCF, CRP, FRD, SAR, WAE. Camping; shallow lake. Owned by Loup Public Power, all boats allowed.

**Leigh Lake (Maple Creek Reservoir) (Platte)** - 154 acres, 1/4 NW Leigh. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE. Primitive camping areas and concrete boat ramp. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Leigh Tri-county (Colfax)** - 7 acres, W edge of Leigh. BLG, CCF, LMB. Additional city regulations enforced.

**Lewis and Clark Lake SRA (Knox)** - 30,000 acres, 7N, 4W of Crofton. CAP, CCF, CRP, FRD, SAR, SMB, WAE, WHB. Walleye and sauger - 15-inch minimum length. No more than two lines with two hooks on each are allowed from Gavins Point Dam upstream to the Santee boat ramp in Knox County. All boats allowed. Boat ramps available at Bloomfield Area, Hideaway Acres Marina, Weigand and Burbach Park, and Miller Creek Area. South Shore Area (no camping at South Shore). Cabins and camping.

**Long Lake SRA (Brown)** - 155 acres, 8 1/2 W, 21S of Ainsworth. BBH, CAP, CCF, NOP, YEP. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Primitive camping.

**Long Pine Creek (Brown)** - BNT, RBT. Public access at Long Pine WMA, SRA, and Pine Glen WMA, access to private land by permission, camping.

**Long Pine Creek SRA (Long Pine Creek) (Brown)** - 1/2NW of Long Pine. BNT, RBT. Vehicle and walk-in access. Primitive camping.

**Long Pine WMA (Brown)** - 1N, 1/4W of Long Pine. BNT, RBT. Walk-in access to Long Pine Creek, remainder of stream is private access, permission required, primitive camping.

**Looking Glass WMA (Platte)** - 7 acres in 2 lakes, 1S of Monroe. BLG, CCF, LMB.

**Loup River Diversion Canal, Loup River (Nance)** - Genoa to Columbus. CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, SAR. Tailrace at Columbus, stilling basin W of Genoa, and tailwaters below Monroe and Columbus powerhouses most productive.

**Lyons City Lake (Burt)** - 5 acres, W edge of Lyons. BLG, CCF, LMB.

**Maskenthine Reservoir (Stanton)** - 98 acres, 2NW of Stanton. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, WAE. Northern pike - 30-inch minimum length. Camping. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); wheelchair-accessible pier. Owned by Lower Elkhorn NRD.

**Milburn Diversion (Middle Loup River) (Blaine)** - 2 NW of Milburn. CAP, CCF. Primitive camping.

**Mirdan Canal SRA (North Loup River) (Garfield)** - 2 1/2W of Burwell. CAP, CCF. Primitive camping.

**Mulberry Bend WMA (Missouri River) (Dixon)** - 1E of Maskell on Hwy. 12 and 2 1/2N. CAP, CCF, PAH, SAR, SMB, WAE. Concrete ramp.

<sup>FEL</sup>**Neligh Park (West Point Park Pond) (Cuming)** - 5 acres, Adjacent to county fairgrounds. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length.

**Niobrara SP (Knox)** - 7 acres in two ponds, 1W of Niobrara. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. No boats. Niobrara River access. Cabins and camping. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

**Niobrara Townsite Boat Ramp (Missouri River) (Knox)** - N of old Niobrara townsite on county road, river mile 844.0. BUF, CAP, CRP, NOP, SAR, SMB, WAE. Walleye and sauger - 15-inch minimum length. Double-wide concrete ramps are not usable during periods of low water levels.

**Overton Lake (Holt)** - 135 acres, 21S, 5E of Newport. BLG, LMB, YEP. Private lake leased for ice-fishing only, open Dec. 1 - March 15. All other access by permission only.

**Parshall Bridge WMA (Niobrara River) (Boyd)** - 3 1/2S of Butte. CAP, CCF. Walk-in access, primitive camping.

<sup>FEL</sup>**Pawnee Park East (Platte)** - 5 acres, Columbus - south edge, use west park entrance then cross under U.S. Hwy. 81 on park road. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

<sup>FEL</sup>**Pawnee Park West (Platte)** - 2 acres, Columbus - south edge, west side of U.S. Hwy. 81, south off 8th St. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

**Pelican Point SRA (Missouri River) (Burt)** - 5E, 4N of Tekamah, river mile 672.8. BUR, CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, SAR, WAE. Public boat ramp, primitive camping.

**Penn Park Lake (Antelope)** - 8 acres, Neligh city lake, southeast of the Nebraska Hwy. 14 and U.S. Hwy. 275 interchange. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB. City regulations in place. Largemouth bass - catch and release.

<sup>FEL</sup>**Pibel Lake (Wheeler)** - 20 acres, 9S, 1E of Bartlett. BBH, BLG, CCF, LMB. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by Lower Loup NRD.

**Pigeon-Jones (Kramper Lake) (Dakota)** - 200 acres, 1/2 mile E Hubbard. BLG, CCF, LMB. Danish Alps Recreation Area. Construction will be completed in 2013. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Pine Glen WMA (Brown) - (Bone and Long Pine Creeks)** - 2E, 8 1/4N from Long Pine. BNT, RBT. Access to Long Pine and Bone Creek by hike to bottom of canyon, primitive camping.

**Plum Creek (Brown)** - W of Johnstown. BNT, RBT. Public access at Bobcat WMA and Plum Creek Valley WMA. Remainder of stream is private access, permission required. One-acre pond on Plum Creek Valley WMA is stocked with rainbow trout.

**Ponca State Park (Missouri River) (Dixon)** - 2 1/2N of Ponca, river mile 753.5. CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, PAH, SAR, SMB, WAE. Concrete ramp. Cabins and camping.

**Ponca State Park Pond (Dixon)** - 1 acre, West of Ponca State Park visitors center. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Special regulations posted on site. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally. Cabins and camping.

<sup>FEL</sup>**Powder Creek Reservoir (Dixon)** - 107 acres, 2E, 4S of Newcastle. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, WAE. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Powder Horn WMA (Elkhorn River) (Dodge)** - 4NW of Scribner on U.S. Hwy. 275. CAP, CCF, FCF.

**Prairie Wolf WMA (Loup River) (Nance)** - 1S of Genoa. CAP, CCF.

**Red Fox WMA (Stanton)** - 25 acres, sandpit, 1 1/2S of Pilger on Nebraska Hwy. 15. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) - primitive boat ramp, primitive camping.

**Red Fox WMA (Elkhorn River) (Stanton)** - 1S of Pilger on Nebraska Hwy. 15. CAP, CCF, FCF. Primitive camping.

**Red Wing WMA (Elkhorn River) (Antelope)** - 5SW of Neligh. CAP, CCF, FCF. Primitive camping.

**Scenic Park Access (Missouri River) (Dakota)** - 1/2E of U.S. Hwy. 77 bridge near South Sioux City, river mile 732.0. CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD. Concrete boat ramp.

<sup>FEL</sup>**Skyview Lake (Madison)** - 50 acres, Norfolk - north of Business U.S. Hwy. 275, W of U.S. Hwy. 81 on Maple Ave. BLG, CCF, LMB, WAE. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Wheelchair-accessible deck, electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

**Spalding Lake (Greeley)** - 24 acres, south edge of Spalding. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB, NOP. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) - lake dewatered periodically to flush sediment. Also Cedar River access.

**Spencer WMA (Niobrara River) (Holt)** - 18N of O'Neill below Spencer Dam. CAP, CCF, SAR. Primitive camping.

**St. Helena Access (Missouri River) (Cedar)** - 6 1/2E, 1N of U.S. Hwy. 81 and Nebraska Hwy. 121 Jct. CCF, FCF, FRD, PAH, SAR, SMB, WAE. Concrete boat ramp.

<sup>FEL</sup>**Summit Lake SRA (Burt)** - 190 acres, 4 1/2W, 1/2S of Tekamah. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) - fish-cleaning station. Camping.

**Sunshine Bottom (Missouri River) (Boyd)** - 3E, 4N of Lynch. CAP, CCF, FRD, GOE, SAR, SMB, WAE. Concrete boat ramp.

**Swan Lake (Holt)** - 235 acres, 26S, 1/2W of Atkinson. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, YEP. Primitive boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Private lake leased for fishing only, all other access by permission only.

**FFL TaHaZouka Park Lake (Madison)** - 5 acres, south edge of Norfolk just east of U.S. Hwy. 81 and just north of the Elkhorn River. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

**Tilden City Pond (Antelope)** - 1 acre, Tilden - Horseshoe Bend Memorial Park - SW corner of town on 5th St. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Additional city regulations.

**Tower Lake (Yellowthroat WMA) (Brown)** - 75 acres, 12 1/2S, 1 1/2E of Ainsworth. BLG, CRP, LMB, YEP. Owned by FWS, electric motors or non-powered boats only, daytime access only, no camping.

**Twin Lakes WMA (Rock)** - 160 acres in 2 lakes, 16S, 2 1/2E, 2S of Bassett. BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, NOP, YEP. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) - primitive boat ramp, primitive camping.

**Verdel Landing WMA (Missouri River) (Knox)** - 2E, 2N of Verdel. CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, SAR, SMB, WAE. Walleye and sauger - 15-inch minimum length limit. Double wide boat ramp, ample parking.

**Whitetail WMA (Platte River) (Colfax)** - 1/2W of Schuyler on U.S. Hwy. 30, 3S on county road. CAP, CCF, FCF, SAR.

**Wilkinson WMA (Platte)** - 1 acre in two ponds, 1 1/2S of Platte Center. BLG, CCF, LMB.

**Willow Creek SRA (Pierce)** - 700 acres, 2SW of Pierce. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE, WHB, WHP, WIP. Wiper/white bass - daily bag limit of 3, with no more than one fish 16 inches or greater. Wheelchair-accessible dock. Boats restricted to 5mph (no wake) on west half of lake. Modern and primitive camping.

**Willow Lake WMA (Brown)** - 313 acres, 18 1/2S, 12 1/2W, 1N of Ainsworth. BBH, BLG, CAP, CRP, LMB, YEP. Primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); snowmobiles and ATVs allowed on ice.

**FFL Wolbach City Pond (Greeley)** - 3 acres, Wolbach - north edge of town off Nebraska Hwy. 22 on Bluff St. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length.

**Wood Duck WMA (Stanton)** - 3SW of Stanton. CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB. Elkhorn River access. Access road to river closed during hunting season, shallow lakes and oxbow marshes open to fishing.

**Yellowbanks WMA (Elkhorn River) (Madison)** - 3N, 2 1/2W of Battle Creek. CAP, CCF, FCF. Primitive camping.

## **SOUTHWEST**

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**FFL 32-Mile H, Prairie Lake (Adams)** - 65 acres, 1 1/2E, 4 1/2S of Juniata. BBH, CAP, CCF. Owned by the Little Blue NRD; walk-in access only; turbid. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Alda DOR (Hall)** - 12 acres, Alda interchange, NE quadrant. BLG, CCF, LMB, NOP. Northern pike - 30-inch minimum length. No boats allowed.

**FFL Ansley Lake (Custer)** - 4 acres, west edge of Ansley off Nebraska Hwy. 2. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally. Improved boat ramp, electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

**Archway Lakes (Buffalo)** - 15 acres in four lakes, 2E of Kearney on First Ave. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, SMB, YEP. Black bass - 21-inch minimum length. No motor boats allowed.

**Arnold Lake (Custer)** - 4 acres, 1/2 S of Arnold, west side of Nebraska Hwy. 40. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Managed by the city. Rehabilitation project 2012-2013.

**Bader Memorial County Park (Merrick)** - 12 acres in 7 lakes, 1 1/2 S of Chapman. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Modern and primitive camping; no motor boats allowed on lakes. Entrance fee required by county.

**FFL Barnett Park Pond (Red Willow)** - 5 acres in 2 ponds, S edge McCook off U.S. Hwy. 83. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. No boats allowed. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

**Bassway Strip WMA (Buffalo)** - 39 acres in two lakes, Minden interchange, 1/4S on Nebraska Hwy. 10, east on county road back toward I-80. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB. Improved boat ramp on West Lake, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). East lake walk-in only. Platte River access.

**FFL Bethphage Pond (Kearney)** - 3 acres, 1/4N Axtell. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. No motor boats allowed. Wheelchair-accessible deck.

**Birdwood WMA (Lincoln)** - 20 acres, North Platte interchange, 1/2S, 3 1/2W, 1N, NW across overpass. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT, ROB, YEP. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

**Blue Hole WMA (Buffalo)** - 37 acres, Elm Creek interchange, SW quadrant. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, SAR. Gravel boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). North channel of Platte River connects to lake. Platte River access.

**Bowman Lake (Sherman)** - 2 acres, 1/2W of Loup City on Nebraska Hwy. 92. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Middle Loup River access. Primitive camping. Area managed by Sherman County.

**Brady Interchange WMA (Lincoln)** - 25 acres, Brady interchange, SE quadrant. BLG, CRP, LMB, RSE. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Bufflehead WMA (Buffalo)** - 15 acres, Kearney interchange, 1N to 11th St., 3E, 1S, 1/2E. BLG, CCF, LMB, ROB, YEP. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).



**Central City Lake (Merrick)** - 5 acres, 1/4W on 31st St. from Nebraska Hwy. 14. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. No motor boats allowed.

**Champion Mill Lake (Chase)** - 12 acres, 0.5 W of Champion. CAP, CCF. Shallow lake.

**Chester Island WMA (Lincoln)** - 5.6 acres in six pits, 2S, 1/2W of Brady. BLG, CCF, LMB. No boats allowed. Walk-in access only.

<sup>FEL</sup>**Cheyenne SRA (Hall)** - 7 acres, Wood River interchange, NW quadrant. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Primitive camping. Gravel boat ramp. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**CNPPID Canal (Tri County) (Lincoln)** - North Platte to Lexington. CCF, FCF, SAR, SMB, WAE, WHB, WIP. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Coot Shallows WMA (Buffalo)** - 12 acres, Odessa interchange, 3/4N, 1 3/4W. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Cornhusker WMA (Hall)** - 1 acre, 4W of Grand Island. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed. Subject to water level fluctuations.

<sup>FEL</sup>**Cottonmill Lake (Buffalo)** - 43 acres, 1W, 1/2N of Kearney on U.S. Hwy. 30, N of U.S. Hwy. 30 off Cottonmill Ave. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP. Northern pike - 30-inch minimum length. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Cozad WMA (Dawson)** - 18 acres, Cozad interchange, SE quadrant. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB, ROB, YEP. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) - wheelchair-accessible ramp. Platte River access.

**Crystal Lake (Adams)** - 5 acres, 2N, 1W of Ayr. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21 inch minimum length. Subject to summer drawdowns. Limited fishing opportunity. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Modern and primitive camping. Renovated in 2012, restocked in 2013.

**Crystal Lake WMA (Lincoln)** - 7 acres, Maxwell interchange, 3/4N, 2W, 1/2N, 3 1/2W, 1/2S across overpass. BLG, CCF, LMB, RSF. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

**Curtis Golf Course Pond (Frontier)** - 1.7 acres, E edge of Curtis, Nebraska Hwy. 23 and Arrowhead Meadows Drive. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. No boats allowed. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

**Darr WMA (Dawson)** - 13 acres, Darr interchange, NW quadrant. BLG, CCF, LMB, ROB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Gravel boat ramp.

**Dawson County Museum Pond (Dawson)** - 3 acres, Lexington - 805 N Taft St. BLG, CCF, LMB. No boats allowed.

**Dogwood WMA (Dawson)** - 12 acres in 2 lakes, Lexington interchange, 5 1/2E, 2 1/2S across overpass, 1/4E. BLG, CCF, LMB, ROB. Improved boat ramp on East Lake, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Platte River access.

**Eagle Scout Lake (Hall)** - 55 acres, 1N of Grand Island, U.S. Hwy. 281 and N Broadwell Ave. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); wheelchair-accessible deck; hike-bike trail around lake.

**East Gothenburg WMA (Dawson)** - 15 acres, Gothenburg interchange, 1/2S, 1/2E, 3 1/2SE and E. CCF, CRP, LMB, RSF. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**East Hershey WMA (Lincoln)** - 20 acres, North Platte interchange, 1/2S, 7 3/4W, 1 1/2N, NE across overpass. BLG, CCF, LMB, ROB, YEP. All species - catch and release. Possession of any fish species other than baitfish while fishing this lake is prohibited. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**East Odessa WMA (Buffalo)** - 7 acres, Odessa interchange, 4E on S side of I-80. BLG, CCF, LMB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Platte River access.

**East Sutherland WMA (Lincoln)** - 27 acres, Hershey interchange, 1/4S, 3W, 1/2N, NE across overpass. BLG, CCF, HSE, LMB, NOP, ROB, YEP. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Elm Creek WMA (Webster)** - 4E, 2N of Red Cloud. RBT. One-half mile of Elm Creek is on public land, the rest on private land, permission required. Trout stocked in March and September.

**Elwood Reservoir WMA (Gosper)** - 1150 acres, 3N of Elwood. BLG, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB, MUE, NOP, SPB, WAE, WHB, WIP. Wiper/white bass - daily bag limit of three with no more than one fish 16 inches or greater; Walleye -daily bag limit of four may include one walleye from 15 through 18 inches and three over 18 inches or four over 18 inches, but no more than one over 22 inches in length allowed in the daily bag. Bank access at entrance; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Subject to summer drawdown.

**Enders Reservoir SRA (Chase)** - 1,200 acres, 5E, 4 1/2S of Imperial. CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB, MUE, NOP, SMB, WAE, WHB, WIP. Northern pike - 30-inch minimum length. Primitive camping; all boats allowed; operating under low water conditions. It is unlawful to fish or boat inside the game refuge during the waterfowl hunting season.

**Farwell South Reservoir (Howard)** - 40 acres, 4W, 3S of Farwell. CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, WAE. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

<sup>FEL</sup>**Fort Kearny SRA (Kearney)** - 21 acre in 7 pits, 3/4E, 1N of Fort Kearny SHP. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Lake No. 2 is catch and release for all catfish species. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed; wheelchair-accessible deck on lakes No. 6 and 7. Modern and primitive camping.

**Fort McPherson DOR (Lincoln)** - 30 acres, Maxwell interchange, SE quadrant. BLG, CCF, LMB, ROB, SMB. Electric motor and non-powered boats allowed.

**Fremont Slough WMA (Lincoln)** - 30 acres, North Platte interchange, 1 1/2S, 4 3/4E, 1/4N, right turn across canal, 1/4N under overpass. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, ROB. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Frenchman WMA (Hayes)** - 20 acres in 3 pits, 1/2N of Palisade. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

**Gallagher Canyon Reservoir SRA (Dawson)** - 182 acres, 8S of Cozad. CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, SAR, WAE, WHB, WIP. Primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); gravel boat ramp.

**Grand Island Eastbound Rest Area (Hall)** - 6 acres, 3E of Grand Island Interchange. BLG, CCF, LMB. No boats allowed. Low levels possible. Fish kill in summer 2012 due to low water.

**Grand Island L.E. Ray Lake (Hall)** - 30 acres, Grand Island - N of Husker Hwy. and East Blaine. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, MUE, YEP. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Concrete boat ramp. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

<sup>FEL</sup>**Grand Island Pier Lake (Hall)** - 9 acres, Grand Island - Ashton Ave. and Bismarck Rd. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Major fish kill in 2012. No boats allowed.

<sup>FEL</sup>**Grand Island Such's Lake (Hall)** - 4 acres, Grand Island - Harrison St.. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Wheelchair-accessible deck. No boats allowed. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

**Grand Island Wastewater Pond (Hall)** - 8 acres, Grand Island - Swift Rd., E of Stuhr Rd. BLG, CCF, LMB. Limited walk-in access from west side.

**Harlan Co. Reservoir (Harlan)** - 13,500 acres, S of Alma and Republican City. CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB, NOP, WAE, WHB, WIP. Walleye - daily bag limit of four may include one walleye from 15 through 18 inches and three over 18 inches or four over 18 inches, but no more than one over 22 inches in length allowed in the daily bag. The walleye length regulation is in effect on the Republican River above Harlan Reservoir up to the Hwy. 46 bridge. Modern and primitive camping; all boats allowed. Subject to summer drawdown. Fish-cleaning stations at Hunter Cove and Methodist Cove.

**Harold W. Anderson WMA (Middle Loup River) (Howard)** - 2N, 3E of Dannebrog. CAP, CCF.

**Hayes Center Lake WMA (Hayes)** - 50 acres, 12NE of Hayes Center. BLG, CCF, LMB. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Heartland Shooting Center Pond (Hall)** - 7 acres, 2W of Grand Island on Husker Hwy.. BLG, CCF, LMB. City regulation - Total catch and release, barbless hooks only. Open to fishing during public shooting hours. No boats allowed. Low water possible due to seepage problems.

<sup>FEL</sup>**Heartwell Park Lake (Adams)** - 3 acres, Hastings - E Forest Boulevard. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally. No boats allowed.

**Hershey WMA (Lincoln)** - 53 acres, Hershey interchange, SE quadrant. BLG, CCF, FCF, LMB, NOP, ROB, WAE, YEP. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

<sup>FEL</sup>**Holdrege City Lake (North Park) (Phelps)** - 10 acres, Holdrege - east of U.S. Hwy. 183 on 18th Ave. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); wheelchair-accessible pier. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

## GOOD FISHING DEPENDS ON CLEAN WATER

Many of our rivers, lakes, and coastal areas are experiencing algae blooms that cover our favorite fishing spots with green slime and cause fish kills and "dead zones" where no aquatic life can survive. The cause is usually nitrogen and phosphorus pollution that comes from farm and lawn fertilizers, septic systems, animal waste, and sewage treatment plants. Supporting water quality protection supports great fishing.

Here's what you can do to keep the water clean:

- Take care not to over fertilize and closely follow package instructions
- Pick up pet waste and properly manage waste from livestock
- Use green practices such as rain barrels, rain gardens, and permeable pavements
- Maintain septic systems
- Encourage your community to invest in its wastewater infrastructure

Learn more at: [www.epa.gov/nutrientpollution/](http://www.epa.gov/nutrientpollution/)



<sup>FEL</sup>**Humphrey Pond (Keith)** - 3 acres, east edge of Ogallala on U.S. Hwy. 30. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. No boats allowed. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

**Indian Creek WMA (Republican River) (Webster)** - 1S of Red Cloud. CAP, CCF, WHB.

**Indian Creek WMA Pond (Webster)** - 2 acres, 1S of Red Cloud. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

**Jeffrey Reservoir (Lincoln)** - 900 acres, 5S, 3W of Brady. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, SAR, WAE, WHB, WIP. All boats allowed.

**Johnson Lake SRA (Gosper)** - 2,189 acres, 7S of Lexington. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, SAR, SMB, WAE, WHB, WIP. Primitive and modern camping; all boats allowed; two wheelchair-accessible fishing decks at inlet. Fish-cleaning stations at inlet and near East SRA campground.

**Kea Lake WMA (Buffalo)** - 20 acres, Kearney interchange, SW quadrant. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Improved boat ramp, wheelchair-accessible ramp access, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Kea West WMA (Buffalo)** - 8 acres, Kearney interchange, 1N to 11th St., 1 1/4W, 1S to overpass approach, turn east. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, ROB, YEP. All species - catch and release. Possession of any fish species other than baitfish while fishing this lake is prohibited. Gravel boat ramp. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Lake Hastings (Adams)** - 63 acres, N edge Hastings, west of U.S. Hwy. 281. BBH, CAP, CCF, CRP. Special city boating regulations.

**Lake Helen (Dawson)** - 20 acres, N edge Gothenburg, west of Nebraska Hwy. 47 at 25th St.. CAP, CCF, WIP. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Lake rehabilitation project scheduled for 2013-2014.

**Lake Maloney SRA (Lincoln)** - 1,600 acres, 6S of North Platte. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, SMB, WAE, WHB, WIP. Camping; all boats allowed; wheelchair-accessible deck at inlet.

**Lake McConaughy SRA (Keith)** - 30,000 acres, 10N of Ogallala. BBH, CCF, NOP, SMB, WAE, WHB, WIP, YEP. It is unlawful to possess a walleye on that portion of Otter Creek from the junction at the shore of the lake upstream to, and including, the culvert under Nebraska Hwy. 92. Modern and primitive camping; all boats allowed. Subject to severe summer drawdowns. Fish cleaning station in Martin Bay. From sunset to sunrise, April 1-30, fishing from a boat within 30 yards of the dam allowed only on that portion of the dam 200 feet north of the morning glory (outlet) - with travel in a south-to-north (counter clockwise) direction required.

<sup>FEL</sup>**Lake Ogallala SRA (Keith)** - 650 acres, 10N of Ogallala. CCF, CUT, RBT, SMB, WAE, WHB, WIP, YEP. Modern/primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) - wheelchair-accessible deck. Fish cleaning station in the NW corner.

**Len Koziol WMA (Loup River) (Howard)** - 2 1/2N, 2E 1/2N of St. Paul. CAP, CCF.

<sup>FEL</sup>**Lexington City Lake (Dawson)** - 3 acres, N edge Lexington, N. Adams St. (Rt. 21) and W. 13th St.. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally; no ice fishing allowed. No boats allowed.

**Liberty Cove (Webster)** - 36 acres, 2S, 2 1/2W of Lawrence. BLG, CCF, LMB. Owned by the Little Blue NRD; deck with gravel access; Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Subject to very low water levels. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. NRD regulation

**Lincoln Park Pond (Nuckolls)** - 1 acre, W edge of Superior, W. 4th St. off Nebraska Hwy. 14. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed.

**Loch Linda WMA (Platte River) (Hall)** - 10S, 3W of Grand Island. CAP, CCF. Access to Platte River.

**Marsh Wren WMA (Howard)** - 1 acre, 3N, 3W of St. Paul. BLG, LMB. Access to North Loup River.

**Martins Reach WMA (Platte River) (Hall)** - 4S, 2W of Wood River. CAP, CCF. Access to Platte River.

**Maxwell Rest Stop DOR (Lincoln)** - 5 acres, 3E Maxwell interchange. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. No boats allowed.

**Medicine Creek SRA (Harry Strunk Lake) (Frontier)** - 1,850 acres, 2W, 7N of Cambridge. CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB, WAE, WHB, WIP. Primitive and modern camping, cabins; all boats allowed. Subject to severe summer drawdowns.

**Melham Park Lake (Custer)** - 4 acres, Broken Bow, north of Memorial Drive, east of N. 5th Ave. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

**Midway Canyon Reservoir (Dawson)** - 609 acres, 6S, 2W of Cozad. CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, SAR, WAE, WHB, WIP. All boats allowed, public boat ramp on Rd. 418.

**Minden Biological Learning Center Pond (Kearney)** - 0.5 acres, West 5th St. Minden, at Minden High School. BLG, CCF, LMB.

**Mormon Island DOR (East) (Hall)** - 22 acres, Grand Island interchange, N of I-80, 1 1/2E. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Access on foot from Mormon Island SRA.

<sup>FEL</sup>**Mormon Island SRA (Middle) (Hall)** - 19 acres, Grand Island interchange, NE quadrant. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RSF. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Walk-in access from Mormon Island SRA. Modern and primitive camping. Concrete boat ramp.

<sup>FEL</sup>**Mormon Island SRA (West) (Hall)** - 42 acres, Grand Island interchange, NE quadrant. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, MUE. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Modern and primitive camping, wheelchair-accessible pier. Concrete boat ramp.

**Mormon Trail (Merrick)** - 1 acre, 1 1/2S, 2W Clarks. BLG, CCF, LMB. Subject to low water levels.

**Narrows WMA (Webster)** - 4W of Red Cloud on U.S. Hwy. 136. CAP, CCF, WHB. Access to Republican River.

**North Kearney Rest Area (westbound) DOR (Buffalo)** - 7 acres, 2W of Kearney interchange at exit 272 on I-80 to rest stop. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. No boats allowed.

<sup>FEL</sup>**North Loup SRA (Howard)** - 7 acres, 3N of St. Paul, just north of the North Loup River on U.S. Hwy. 281. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

<sup>FEL</sup>**North Platte I-80 City Lake (Lincoln)** - 26 acres, North Platte I-80 interchange, exit 177, south on U.S. Hwy. 83, first left turn. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No live baithfish can be used or possessed. Primitive boat ramp. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) - fishing deck. Fish renovation in 2012..

**North Platte River (Keith)** - Keystone to Paxton. RBT. Private access, permission required.

**North River WMA (Platte River) (Lincoln)** - 2 1/2N of Hershey. CAP, CCF, FCF. Encompasses 2 miles of North Platte River.

**Otter Creek (Keith)** - 12E of Lewellen. BNT, RBT. Private property, permission required.

<sup>FEL</sup>**Oxford City Lake (Furnas)** - 2 acres, 1/4 mile S of downtown on Central Ave. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

**Pawnee Slough WMA (Lincoln)** - 30 acres, 2W of Maxwell on U.S. Hwy. 30. BLG, CCF, LMB, ROB, RSF. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Phillips Canyon Reservoir (Gosper)** - 142 acres, 8S, 1E, 1N Lexington. CCF, CRP, FRD, SAR, WAE, WHB, WIP. Primitive boat ramp, all boats allowed; unimproved access road - dry weather only.

**Pioneer Trail Lake (Hamilton)** - 45 acres, 1/2E Aurora. BLG, CCF, LMB. Seepage problems - low water conditions common. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Plum Creek Canyon Reservoir (Dawson)** - 252 acres, 8S, 3 1/2E Cozad. CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, SAR, WAE, WHB, WIP. Primitive boat ramp, all boats allowed.

**Pressey WMA (Custer)** - 2 acres, 3N, 1E Oconto. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

**Ravenna Lake (Buffalo)** - 16 acres, 1SE of Ravenna, N of Nebraska Hwy. 2. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Primitive camping; electric motor or non-powered boats allowed, gravel boat ramp, wheelchair-accessible deck. Area managed by Buffalo County. Excessive aquatic vegetation during summer months.

**Red Willow SRA (Hugh Butler Lake) (Frontier)** - 1,630 acres, 11N of McCook. CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB, NOP, SMB, WAE, WHB, WIP. Northern pike - 30-inch minimum length. Modern camping; all boats allowed. Reservoir drawn down until dam repaired.

**Rock Creek Lake SRA (Dundy)** - 50 acres, 4N, 1W of Parks. CCF, LMB, RBT, RSF, YEP. Primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

**Sac Wilcox WMA (Phelps)** - 2 acres in 3 lakes, 10E, 3S of Holdrege. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth Bass - 21-inch minimum length. Seepage problem on two of the lakes. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

**Sandy Channel Recreation Area (Buffalo)** - 52 acres in six lakes, 2S of Elm Creek I-80 Interchange. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, ROB, WAE, YEP. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Wheelchair-accessible, concrete boat ramp on Lake No. 8. Primitive camping.

**Sherman Reservoir SRA (Sherman)** - 2,845 acres, 4E, 1N of Loup City. CCF, CRP, FCF, NOP, WAE, WHB. Walleye - daily bag limit may include two walleye greater than 15 inches but less than 20 inches and one walleye greater than 28 inches. There is a slot limit protecting walleye 20 through 28 inches; Crappie - 10-inch minimum length; Northern Pike - 30-inch minimum length. Primitive camping; all boats allowed. Subject to summer drawdowns. Waters within 150 feet of the dam, including the spawning reefs on the SW end of the dam, are closed to fishing from sunset to sunrise April 1 through April 20. Fish-cleaning stations at Trail 2 area near main boat ramp parking lot and at Trail 1 (Thunder Bay boat ramp).

**Silver Creek City Pond (Merrick)** - 4 acres, South on Nebraska Hwy. 39. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Electric motors or non-powered boats allowed.

**South Kearney Rest Area (eastbound) DOR (Buffalo)** - 1 acre, 6E of Odessa interchange at exit 263 to rest stop. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RSF. No boats allowed.

**Sutherland Cooling Pond (Lincoln)** - 220 acres, 2S of Sutherland. CAP, CCF, FRD, LMB, WAE, WHB, WIP, YEP. No boats or wading allowed.

**Sutherland Reservoir SRA (Lincoln)** - 3,000 acres, 2S of Sutherland. CCF, FRD, WAE, WHB, WIP, YEP. Ice fishermen use caution due to heated discharge from power plant. Primitive camping; all boats allowed; wheelchair-accessible pier.

**Sutherland Supply Canal (Keith)** - BNT, RBT. The canal is exempt from the one trout over 16 inches in the daily limit restriction. Access via power district roads.

**Sutton Clark Pond (Clay)** - 1 acre, Sutton - Glen Ave and West Cedar St.. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. No boats allowed.

**Sutton Detention Pond (Clay)** - 1 acre, Sutton - West Maple and North Euclid Ave. BLG, CCF, LMB. Stocked in 2012.

**Swanson Reservoir SRA (Hitchcock)** - 5,000 acres, 2W of Trenton. BCE, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, WAE, WHB, WIP. All boats allowed. Subject to severe summer drawdowns. Modern and primitive camping.

**Union Pacific SRA (Buffalo)** - 15 acres, Odessa interchange, NE quadrant. BLG, CCF, LMB, ROB. Primitive camping; gravel boat ramp. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Victoria Springs Lake SRA (Custer)** - 6 acres, 6E of Anselmo off Nebraska Spur S21A. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Shallow, with extensive vegetation, electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Lake rehabilitation project 2012-2013. Cabins and camping.

**War Axe SRA (Buffalo)** - 14 acres, Shelton interchange, NE quadrant. BLG, CCF, RSF, SMB. Black bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Gravel boat ramp. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Primitive camping.

**Wellfleet Lake (Lincoln)** - 50 acres, 1/2SW of Wellfleet. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WHB. Primitive camping; electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

**West Brady WMA (Lincoln)** - 6 acres, Brady interchange, 3/4N, 3W across overpass. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. All species - catch and release. Possession of any fish species other than baitfish while fishing this lake is prohibited. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

**West Cozad WMA (Dawson)** - 18 acres, Cozad interchange, 1/2N, 1/4W, 1/4N, 1W, 1S. CCF, LMB, ROB, RSF. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**West Gothenburg WMA (Lincoln)** - 15 acres, Brady interchange, 4 1/2E on U.S. Hwy. 30, 1/4S across tracks. BLG, CCF, LMB, ROB, RSF. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**West Hershey WMA (Lincoln)** - 6 acres, Hershey interchange, 1/2W. BLG, CCF, LMB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Access across private land.

**West Maxwell WMA (Lincoln)** - 7 acres, Maxwell interchange, 3/4N, 3/4W, 1/4S. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, ROB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

**West Wood River WMA (Hall)** - 15 acres, Wood River interchange, 1/2S, 1W, N across overpass, 1/4W. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Gravel boat ramp.

**Willow Island WMA (Dawson)** - 24 acres, 5 1/4W of Cozad on U.S. Hwy. 30, 3/4S across overpass. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB. Lake connects to Platte River. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Windmill SRA (Buffalo)** - 23 acres in six pits, Gibbon interchange, NE quadrant. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT, WIP. Lake No. 3 is catch and release for all catfish species. Wheelchair-accessible deck (Lake No. 2); electric motor or nonpowered boats allowed. Modern and primitive camping. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally in Lake No. 1.

**Yanney Park Lake (Buffalo)** - 20 acres, Kearney - off W. 11th St.. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, YEP. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Wheelchair-accessible fishing pier. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

## **SOUTHEAST**

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**Adams Park Pond (Douglas)** - 3 acres, NE Omaha - Bedford Ave. and 33rd St.. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 62 and older. Improvement to shoreline access planned by city.

**Alexandria Southwest WMA (Big Sandy Creek) (Jefferson)** - 1/2S, 1E of Alexandria. CAP, CCF

**Alexandria SRA (Jefferson)** - 43 acres in 2 lakes, 2S, 3E of Alexandria. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, RSF. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed; modern and primitive camping.

**Arrowhead WMA (Gage)** - 77 acres, 3E, 1/2S of Diller. BBH, CAP, CCF. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed, very turbid and shallow.

**Aspinwall Bend WMA (Missouri and Little Nemaha rivers) (Nemaha)** - 3/4S of Nemaha. BCF, BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, GOE, SNS.

**Auburn Rotary Club Lake (Nemaha)** - 5 acres, 7th and J St., Auburn. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

**Baright Lake (Eugene T Mahoney SP) (Cass)** - 4 acres, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Children under 16 years of age, disabled adults, and adults assisting kids fishing are permitted to fish the entire lake, except the immediate marina area. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No motorboats allowed.

**Bear Pierce Cedar 2A (Gage)** - 24 acres, 4N, 3 1/2E of U.S. Hwy. 77 and U.S. Hwy. 136 junction. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Bennington Lake (Douglas)** - 270 acres, 180th and Bennington Rd. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Ice-fishing not allowed. Public access is permitted only on the jetty located 1/2W of 168th St. at the intersection of Nebraska Hwy. 36 and Newport Landing.

**Benson Park Pond (Douglas)** - 4 acres, Omaha - off 72nd St. at Military and Ames Ave. intersection. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 62 or older. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

**Big Indian 11A (Gage)** - 76 acres, 3S, 3W of Wymore. BLG, CCF, LMB. Primitive camping. Concrete boat ramp, all boats allowed. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD.

**Blue Bluffs WMA (Big Blue River) (Seward)** - 1/2N, 1E, 2S of Milford. CAP, CCF, FCF.

**Blue River SRA (Big Blue River) (Saline)** - 3 1/2N of Dorchester. CAP, CCF, FCF.

**Blue Valley (Big Blue River) (Seward)** - 1/2S of Seward. CAP, CCF, FCF.

**Bluestem Lake SRA (Lancaster)** - 326 acres, 2 1/2W of Sprague. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB, WAE. Primitive camping; concrete boat ramp, all boats allowed.

**Bowling Lake (Lancaster)** - 12 acres, Lincoln - NW 48th St. and W. Cuming St. (Airpark). BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Concrete boat ramp, electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Lincoln City lake. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally in south pond.

**Bowwood WMA (Pawnee)** - 6 acres, 2S of Steinauer. BLG, CCF, LMB. Electric motors or non-powered boats allowed.

**Bramble WMA (Platte River) (Saunders)** - 5W, 2N of Cedar Bluffs. BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, GOE, SNS.

**Branched Oak Lake SRA (Lancaster)** - 1,800 acres, 1/2W, 4N of Malcolm. BCF, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, LMB, WAE, WHP, WIP. Walleye - daily bag limit of one, 22 inches or longer; Crappie - 10-inch minimum length; Wiper and Flathead catfish - catch and release. Modern and primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) 400 feet lakeward from the dam and 90 feet from all other shorelines or as posted as no wake areas. From sundown to sunrise boats restricted to 5 mph on the entire lake. Several concrete boat ramps available; wheelchair-accessible deck by marina.

**Brownville SRA (Missouri River) (Nemaha)** - 1E of Brownville. BCF, BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, GOE, SNS. Concrete boat ramp; primitive camping.



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**Bruning Dam (Fillmore)** - 258 acres, 2 1/2E, 1N of Bruning. BBH, CAP, CCF. Owned by the Little Blue NRD; very turbid. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Buckley 3F (Jefferson)** - 22 acres, 7W, 4 1/2S of Fairbury. CCF. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Little Blue NRD; very turbid.

**Burchard Lake (Pawnee)** - 150 acres, 3E, 1/2N of Burchard. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, YEP. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Beginning Oct. 15 until the close of the dark goose season, fishing is restricted to the shoreline or on the ice (Check current Nebraska Guide to Hunting and Public Lands). Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) - concrete boat ramp; handicapped accessible fishing pier, lake drawn down 12 feet in 2012 for outlet repair, boat access maybe impacted. Primitive camping.

**Carter Lake (Douglas)** - 300 acres, Omaha - Abbott Dr. and Carter Blvd. BLG, CCF, LMB, WAE. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. All boats allowed, special boating regulations posted; east arm has no-wake, 5 mph speed limit, concrete boat ramp; wheelchair-accessible deck. Open 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

**Catfish Run WMA (Salt Creek) (Sarpy)** - 3/4E of Ashland. BCF, CAP, CCF, FCF, SNS.

**CenturyLink Lake (Cass)** - 10 acres, Eugene T. Mahoney SP, I-80 exit 426. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Boat ramp. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

**Clatonia 3A (Gage)** - 46 acres, 1N of Clatonia. BBH, CCF. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD; turbid, low water levels.

**Conestoga Lake SRA (Lancaster)** - 230 acres, 1 1/2N of Denton. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, LMB, WAE. Primitive and modern camping; concrete boat ramp, all boats allowed.

**Cottontail (Lancaster)** - 29 acres, 1/2N of Martell. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Platte South NRD. Fish kill summer 2012.

**Crystal Springs Lakes (Jefferson)** - 6 acres in two lakes, Fairbury - Crystal Springs Rd., west of Frederick St.. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB, RBT. No boats allowed. Camping. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally in middle lake.

**Cub Creek 9B (Leisure Lake) (Jefferson)** - 25 acres, 3S, 1/2E of Plymouth. BLG, CCF, LMB. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD. Primitive camping.

**Cub Creek Watershed 12A (Jefferson)** - 27 acres, 3W, 4 1/2S of Plymouth. CAP, CCF. Boat ramp, all boats allowed; turbid. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD. Primitive camping.

**Czechland Lake (Saunders)** - 85 acres, 1N, 1/4W of Prague. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE. Crappie - 10-inch minimum length. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) - wheelchair-accessible fishing pier. Owned by the Lower Platte North NRD. Primitive and modern camping.

**David City Park Ponds (Butler)** - 6 acres in three ponds, David City - south edge, east side of Nebraska Hwy. 15. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally in West lake.

**Donald Whitney WMA (Gage)** - 43 acres in two lakes, 3 1/2W of Odell. BBH, CCF, FCF. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed; turbid.

**Duck Creek #12 (Nemaha)** - 65 acres, 3.5W, 1N of Peru. Dam scheduled to be built in 2012-2013.

**Elkhorn Crossing (Elkhorn River) (Douglas)** - 252nd St. on Bennington Rd. BBH, CAP, CCF, FCF, SNS. Owned by the Papio-Missouri River NRD. Open April 1 through November 1, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Camping and canoe launch.

**Fairbury Dam (Little Blue River) (Jefferson)** - Fairbury - S edge at C St. CAP, CCF, FCF. Trail and decks on old railroad bridge.

**Flathead WMA (Little Blue River) (Jefferson)** - 1S of Fairbury. CAP, CCF, FCF.

**Fontenelle Park Pond (Douglas)** - 4 acres, Omaha - 45th and Ames Ave. at Fontenelle Blvd. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 62 or older.

**Friend City Lake (Saline)** - 1 acre, City of Friend. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length.

**Glenn Cunningham Lake (Douglas)** - 390 acres, Omaha - 96th and State. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, NOP, WAE. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Northern pike -- catch and release. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Handicapped accessible pier. Open 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

**Graske Crossing (Elkhorn River) (Douglas)** - SE corner of Elkhorn River and W Dodge Rd. (Skyline Drive exit). BBH, BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, SNS. Owned by Papio-Missouri River NRD. Open April 1 through Nov. 1, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Canoe launch.

**Hamburg Bend WMA (Missouri River) (Otoe)** - 4 SE of Nebraska City, south of OPPD power plant. BCF, BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, GOE, SNS. Access to river - half-mile walk. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Hanscom Park Pond (Douglas)** - 1 acre, Omaha - 32nd Ave. and Center St. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 62 or older.

**Haworth Park (Missouri River) (Sarpy)** - Bellevue - Payne Dr. off Nebraska Hwy. 370. BCF, BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, GOE, SNS. Concrete boat ramp owned by city, launching fee.

**Haworth Park Pond (Sarpy)** - 1 acre, Bellevue - East edge off Nebraska Hwy. 370. BLG, CCF, LMB.

**Hedgfield Lake WMA (Lancaster)** - 44 acres, 2W, 1/2N of Panama. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Concrete boat ramp. Handicap accessible fishing pier. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Hitchcock Park Pond (Douglas)** - 2 acres, Omaha - 42nd and Q St. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 62 or older. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

**<sup>FEL</sup>Holmes Lake (Lancaster)** - 100 acres, Lincoln, 70th St. and Normal Blvd. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT, WAE. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Lincoln city lake; two concrete boat ramps, wheelchair-accessible deck. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

**Homestead Lake (Butler)** - 38 acres, 1N 1/2W of Bruno. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Concrete boat ramp; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Platte North NRD.

**<sup>FEL</sup>Humboldt City Park Lake (Richardson)** - 1 acre, Humboldt - S edge of town, W off Nebraska Hwy. 105 at Railroad St. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length.

**Hwy. 50 Bridge (Platte River) (Cass)** - 1N of Louisville. BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, SNS. Concrete boat ramp.

**Indian Cave SP (Missouri River) (Richardson)** - 4E of Barada. BCF, BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, GOE, SNS. Concrete boat ramp. Modern and primitive camping.

**Iron Horse Trail Lake (Pawnee)** - 85 acres, 1/2N, 2W of DuBois. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Owned by the Nemaha NRD (NRD entry permit required); wheelchair-accessible concrete boat ramp and fishing pier; no personal watercraft allowed; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); primitive and modern camping.

**Jack Sinn WMA (Rock Creek) (Lancaster)** - 2 S of Ceresco. BBH, CCF.

**<sup>FEL</sup>Jenny Newman Pond (Platte River SP) (Cass)** - 4 acres, 2S, 3W of Louisville. BLG, CCF, LMB. All species - catch and release. Possession of any fish species other than baitfish while fishing this lake is prohibited. Family fishing lake, open to all children less than 16 years of age and adults assisting children. No fishing from dock. No motorboats allowed.

**Killdeer Lake WMA (Lancaster)** - 20 acres, 2 1/2N of Martell. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

**Kinter's Ford WMA (Big Nemaha River) (Richardson)** - 1N, 2 1/2E of Dubois on Nebraska Hwy. 8. CAP, CCF, FCF.

**Kirkman's Cove (Richardson)** - 160 acres, 1N, 2W of Humboldt. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Owned by the Nemaha NRD (NRD entry permit required); turbid. Concrete boat ramp, 35-mph maximum on lower two-thirds of lake, no personal watercraft.

**Kramer Park Lake (Sarpy)** - 7 acres, N side of Nebraska Hwy. 370 at Missouri River bridge. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Damaged by 2011 flood.

**<sup>FEL</sup>Lake Halleck (Sarpy)** - 4 acres, Papillion - E of S. Washington St. (Nebraska Hwy. 85) on E. Lincoln St. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

**Lake Wanahoo (Saunders)** - 637 acres, 1/2 mile north of Wahoo. BBH, BCF, BLG, CRP, LMB, NOP, WAE. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Northern Pike -- catch and release. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Handicapped accessible concrete boat ramp and fishing pier; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Lakeview Park Lake (Henderson Pond) (York)** - 4 acres, Henderson - SW of Birch and Main St. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length.

**Langdon Bend WMA (Missouri River) (Nemaha)** - 1E of Nemaha. BCF, BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, GOE, SNS.

**Lawrence Youngman Lake (Douglas)** - 60 acres, Omaha - 192nd and West Dodge Rd. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Lied Platte River Hike Bike Bridge (Platte River) (Cass)** - South of South Bend. BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, SNS. Deck; contact Platte River SP for more details.

**Little Blue East WMA (Little Blue River) (Thayer)** - 4E of Hebron. CCF, FCF.

**Little Blue WMA (Little Blue River) (Thayer)** - 2E of Hebron. CCF, FCF.

**Lone Star Recreation Area (Fillmore)** - 75 acres, 3 1/2E, 1/2S of Iowa. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Wheelchair-accessible fishing deck, concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Primitive and modern camping. Owned by Little Blue NRD.

**<sup>FEL</sup>Louisville SRA (Cass)** - 40 acres in 5 pits, 1/2NW of Louisville. BBH, BLG, BUF, CCF, CRP, LMB, RSE, WIP. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length; Bullhead - daily bag limit of 5. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Boat launch areas available. Fishing piers on several lakes. Modern and primitive camping. Wipers in Lake No. 2, bullheads in Lake No. 2a.

**Louisville SRA (Platte River) (Cass)** - 1/2NW of Louisville. BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, SNS. Concrete boat ramp just west of Nebraska Hwy. 50, on north side of river.

**Margrave WMA (Big Nemaha River) (Richardson)** - 1 1/2S, 2 3/4E of Preston. CAP, CCF, FCF. Access to river, half-mile walk.

**Mayberry WMA (Pawnee)** - 25 acres, 5N, 1 1/4E of Burchard. BBH, BLG, CCF, LMB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed, walk-in access.

**Meadowlark (Seward)** - 55 acres, 4W, 1N, 1 1/2W of Agnew. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Handicap-accessible concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Platte South NRD.

**<sup>FEL</sup>Memphis Lake SRA (Saunders)** - 81 acre, 1/4W of Memphis. BLG, CCF, LMB, RSE. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Primitive gravel boat launch area, smaller craft only. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Wheelchair-accessible fishing deck. Primitive camping.

**Merganser Lake (Lancaster)** - 41 acre, 1/2N, 1E, 1/4N of Kramer. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) - rock/gravel boat ramp. Owned by the Lower Platte South NRD.

**Meridian WMA (Little Blue River) (Thayer)** - 3S, 1/2W of Alexandria. CAP, CCF, FCF.

**Midlands Lake (Sarpy)** - 11 acre, Papillion - Washington and Capehart Rd. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length.

**Miller Park Pond (Douglas)** - 4 acres, Omaha - 30th St. and Redick Ave. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing and adults 62 or older.

**N.P. Dodge Memorial Park (Missouri River) (Douglas)** - Omaha - 11000 N River Rd. BCF, BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, GOE, SNS. Concrete boat ramp. Primitive camping.

**Oak Lake (Lancaster)** - 47 acres in 3 lakes, NW Lincoln - Charleston St. and Sun Valley Blvd. BBH, CAP, GSF, WHP. City of Lincoln lake; shallow, subject to fish kills. No boats allowed.

**FFL Olive Creek Lake SRA (Lancaster)** - 175 acres, 2E, 1S of Kramer. BLG, CCF, LMB, RSE. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Primitive camping; concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) - wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

**Osage WMA (Johnson)** - 4 acres in 4 ponds, 3N, 2W, 3/4N of Tecumseh. BLG, LMB. Electric motor or non-powered boats.

**Overland Trails Lake (York)** - 14 acres, 3E, 1 1/2S of York. BLG, CCF, LMB. Owned by the Upper Big Blue NRD; dam leaks, low water levels. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Oxbow Trails Lake (Butler)** - 43 acres, 1 1/2 E of Ulysses. BBH, BLG, CCF, LMB. Owned by the Upper Big Blue NRD; concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); turbid, dam leaks, water may be low.

**Papio D-4 (Douglas)** - 30 acres, NW Omaha - 1/4N of Nebraska Hwy. 36 and 98th St. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Owned by the Papio/Missouri NRD, walk-in access only. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

**Pawnee City Pond (Pawnee)** - 1 acre, SW edge of Pawnee City, W side of Nebraska Hwy. 65. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

**Pawnee Lake SRA (Lancaster)** - 740 acres, 2N, 1 1/2W of Emerald. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, FRD, LMB, WAE, WHP. Modern and primitive camping; all boats allowed, several concrete boat ramps.

**Pawnee Prairie WMA (Pawnee)** - 5 acres in 7 ponds, 6S, 2E, 2S of Burchard. BLG, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Walk-in access only.

**Peru (Missouri River) (Nemaha)** - 1 1/2E of Peru. BCF, BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, GOE, SNS. Concrete boat ramp.

**Platte River Landing (Douglas)** - E corner of Nebraska Hwy. 64 bridge. BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, SNS. Open April 1 through November 1, 6am to 10pm. Canoe launch. Owned by Papio-Missouri River NRD.

**Plattsmouth City Lake (Cass)** - 3 acres, Plattsmouth - S 18th St. and 5th Ave. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

**Prairie Knoll WMA (Pawnee)** - 6 acres, 2W, 2N DuBois. BLG, CCF, LMB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed.

**FFL Prairie View Lake (Douglas)** - 42 acres, 2W of Bennington, 180th and Nebraska Hwy. 36. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Owned by Papio-Missouri River NRD; concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**Recharge Lake (York)** - 49 acres, 1 1/2W of York. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Upper Big Blue NRD.

**Red Cedar (Saunders)** - 50 acres, 5 1/2N, 2W of the north edge of Valparaiso. BLG, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) - boat ramp. Owned by the Lower Platte South NRD; turbid.

**Redtail WMA (Butler)** - 17 acres, 1E, 1/2N of Dwight. BLG, CCF, LMB. Walk-in access only. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Fish kill in summer 2012.

**Riverview Marina SRA (Missouri River) (Otoe)** - Nebraska City, N. 4th St. and 14th Ave. BCF, BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, GOE, SNS. Concrete boat ramp, primitive camping.

**Rockford Lake SRA (Gage)** - 150 acres, 7E, 2S of Beatrice. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FCF, LMB, WAE, WHP. All boats allowed, concrete boat ramp; primitive and modern camping.

**Rose Creek WMA (Rose Creek - 2 locations) (Jefferson)** - 2S, 2 1/2W, 1 1/2S and 2S, 3 1/2W, 2S of Fairbury. BBH, CAP, CCF.

**Rulo Access (Missouri River) (Richardson)** - South of U.S. Hwy. 159 Bridge near Rulo. BBH, BCF, BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, GOE, SNS. Concrete boat ramp.

**Schilling WMA (Missouri and Platte Rivers) (Cass)** - Plattsmouth - N on Schilling Rd. from Main St.. BCF, BUF, CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, GOE, SNS. Bank access to Missouri and Platte rivers, except when closed by the Commission due to poor road conditions.

**Schwer Park Pond (Sarpy)** - 2 acres, Papillion - W Centennial Rd. west of 84th St.. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length.

**Seward City Lake (Seward)** - 2 acres, N. 14th St. on west edge of Seward. BLG, CAP, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length.

**Shadow Lake (Sarpy)** - 30 acres, Papillion - Washington and Capehart Rd. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Largemouth Bass - 21-inch minimum length. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Shady Trail (Big Blue River) (Saline)** - 1W, 4N, 1/2W, 1/2N of Crete. CAP, CCF, FCF.

**Smith Creek (Seward)** - 21 acre, 2N, 2W, 1/4N of Beaver Crossing. BLG, CCF, LMB. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Upper Big Blue NRD; turbid.

**Stagecoach Lake SRA (Lancaster)** - 195 acres, 1 1/2S, 1/2W of Hickman. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE, WIP. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length; Wiper - daily bag limit of three, with no more than one fish 16 inches or greater. Primitive and modern camping; concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) - wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.



**Standing Bear Lake (Douglas)** - 135 acres, Omaha - 132nd and Military. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, FRD, LMB, RBT, WAE, YEB. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). City of Omaha lake; concrete boat ramp. Open 5am to 11pm. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

**Stanton Lake (Richardson)** - 2 acres, NW Falls City, W end of W. 25th St.. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Modern campground, picnic shelter and restrooms.

**Steinhart Park Ponds (Otoe)** - 5 acres in two ponds, Nebraska City - N of Nebraska Business Hwy. 2 off Steinhart Park Rd. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally in east pond.

**Swan Creek 2A WMA (Saline)** - 16 acres, 14W, 3N of Wilber. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) - shallow.

**Swan Creek 67 (Saline)** - 39 acres, 3N, 1W of Swanton. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21 inch minimum length. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD.

**Tanglewood (Lancaster)** - 33 acres, 1/2N, 1W, 1/2S of Kramer. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Owned by the Lower Platte South NRD. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Teal Lake WMA (Lancaster)** - 29 acres, 2S of Kramer. BBH, BLG, CCF, LMB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Subject to frequent fish kills due to low water levels.

**Tecumseh City Pond (Johnson)** - 2 acres, Tecumseh - N. 1st St. at fairgrounds. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. See page problems.

**Timber Point (Butler)** - 28 acres, 1S, 2E of Brainard. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, MUE. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Handicap-accessible concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Tobacco Island WMA (Missouri River) (Cass)** - 1/2E, 1S of Plattsmouth. BCF, BUE, CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, GOE, SNS. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Towl Park Pond (Douglas)** - 1 acre, Omaha - West Center Rd. and 93rd (enter at Paddock Rd. traffic light). BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 62 or older. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

**Twin Lakes WMA (Seward)** - 270 acres in two lakes, 2 1/2N, 1/2W of Pleasant Dale. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE, WHB. Concrete boat ramp on East lake; area closed to fishing from Oct. 15 through Dec. 31. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Twin Oaks WMA (Johnson)** - 2 acres in 2 ponds, 2E, 4S of Tecumseh. BLG, LMB. Electric motors or non-powered boats allowed.

**Twin Oaks WMA (Big Nemaha River) (Johnson)** - 2E, 2S, 3/4W of Tecumseh. CAP, CCF, FCF. Half-mile walk-in access to river.

**Two Rivers SRA (Douglas)** - 32 acres in seven pits, 1 1/2S of Venice. BBH, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, RBT, SMB. Black bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Lake Nos. 3 and 4 are designated as catch and release for all catfish species. Bullhead - daily bag limit of five. Trout fishing in Lake No. 5 is best from April 1 to early June. Open dates for trout fishing will be published and posted. Trout fishing hours are 7 a.m. to sunset. A daily trout tag is required to attempt to take and to possess trout on the entire area from March 1 through June 30. Cost of a tag is \$4, which allows the harvest of four trout. Anglers may purchase up to three tags, and can possess up to 12 trout. An adult angler is allowed to have two children under 16 fish under their tag, but the group is still limited to four trout per tag. One pole or rod and reel per angler on Lake No. 5. Purchase trout tags at park office. No boats on Lake No. 5, other lakes electric motors or non-powered boats allowed; wheelchair-accessible fishing deck on Lake No. 5. Cabins and camping.

**Two Rivers SRA (Platte River) (Douglas)** - 1 1/2S of Venice. BUE, CAP, CCF, FCF, FRD, SNS. Walk-in river access.

**Verdon Lake SRA (Richardson)** - 30 acres, 1/2W of Verdon. BBH, BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed; primitive camping.

**Wagon Train Lake SRA (Lancaster)** - 315 acres, 2E of Hickman. BLG, CCF, CRP, FRD, LMB, MUE, RSF, WAE, WIP. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length; Wiper - daily bag limit of three, with no more than one fish 16 inches or greater. Primitive and modern camping; concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) - wheelchair-accessible pier.

**Walnut Creek 2A (Saline)** - 26 acres, 1/2E, 3 1/2N of Crete. BBH, BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD; shallow. Primitive camping.

**Walnut Creek Reservoir (Sarpy)** - 100 acres, Papillion - 96th and Nebraska Hwy. 370. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, RSF. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. Owned by the City of Papillion, area open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., wheelchair-accessible fishing deck and island, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) - concrete boat ramp. Primitive and modern camping.

**Walnut Grove Park Pond (Douglas)** - 1 acre, Millard - Q St. across from Millard South High School. BLG, CCF, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 62 or older.

**Waterloo River Access (Elkhorn River) (Douglas)** - SE corner of Elkhorn River and W. Maple Rd. BBH, BUE, CAP, CCF, FCF, SNS. Owned by village of Waterloo. Canoe launch.

**Weeping Water Pond (Cass)** - 4 acres, Weeping Water - S of Clinton St.. BLG, CCF, LMB, RBT. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length. Rainbow trout stocked seasonally.

**Wehrspann Lake Recreation Area (Sarpy)** - 245 acres, Omaha - 156th and Giles Rd. BBH, BCF, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) - wheelchair accessible pier. Owned by the Papio-Missouri River NRD, area open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**West Papillion #5 (Sarpy)** - 105 acres, 126th and Cornhusker - Papillion. BLG, CCF, LMB. Dam scheduled to be built in 2012-2013. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Whitehawk Lake (Douglas)** - 30 acres, Omaha - 192 Rd and F St.. BLG, CCF, LMB. Walk-in access only.

**Wild Plum (Lancaster)** - 16 acres, 1 1/2N, 1/2W, of Kramer. BLG, CCF, LMB. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Platte South NRD.

**Wildwood Lake (Lancaster)** - 103 acres, 1W, 1 1/2N of Agnew. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Largemouth bass -- 21-inch minimum length; all catfish - catch and release. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); primitive camping; wheelchair-accessible deck. Owned by Lower Platte South NRD.

**Willard L. Meyer Recreation Area (Swan Creek 5A) (Saline)** - 95 acres, 3E, 2N of Tobias. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD; wheelchair-accessible deck, concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Primitive and modern camping.

**Wilson Creek 2X WMA (Otoe)** - 15 acres, 3E, 1 1/2S of Otoe. BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB. Electric motor or non-powered boats allowed. Very shallow.

**Wilson Creek 4F (Prairie Owl) (Otoe)** - 38 acres, 2S, 1W, 1/4S of Dunbar. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Nemaha NRD; very turbid.

**Wirth Brothers Lake (Johnson)** - 1W, 3S, 1W of Cook. BLG, CCF, LMB. Owned by the Nemaha NRD (NRD entry permit required); concrete boat ramp, boating restricted to 5 mph (no wake); dam leaks, level fluctuates. Primitive camping.

**Wolf Wildcat No. 12 (Gage)** - 42 acres, 7S of Virginia. BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD; primitive boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Primitive camping. Heavy aquatic vegetation may restrict shore fishing.

**Yankee Hill Lake WMA (Lancaster)** - 208 acres, 2 1/2E, 1S of Denton. BBH, BLG, CCF, CRP, LMB, WAE. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Wheelchair-accessible concrete boat ramp; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

**Zorinsky Lake Recreation Area (Douglas)** - 255 acres, Omaha - 156th and F St. BBH, BCF, BLG, CAP, CCF, CRP, LMB, MUE, WAE, WIP. Largemouth bass 21-inch minimum length. City of Omaha lake, area open 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.; wheelchair-accessible fishing deck, concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

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